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Consular Letters

PRETORIA

January 1, 1901

December 31, 1903.

No. 50

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Substantive

Consulate of the United States,
Pretoria

Jan. I, 1901, 189 .

Mr. Hay

To the Department of State.



Subject:

Mr C.T.Roe requesting information of Mrs Maria Crus of
Johannesburg.

To Clinton
Roe
Ackd by
from
Mich 6

Abstract of Contents.

Frank Crus being a very undersirable person was deport- 1901
ed by the British authorities as a suspicious character.

Mrs Crus was furnished transportation by the British
authorities sometime after her husbands departure, and left
to join him at some sea port or in America.



No 50

Consulate of the United States

Pretoria S.A. Jan. I, 1901.

Hon. David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Departments' despatch No 78 of Oct 12, 1900, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr C.T. Roe requesting information of Mrs Maria Crus of Johannesburg.

Frank Crus was a very undesirable person and was deported by the British authorities as a suspicious character, Mrs Crus was furnished transportation by the British authorities sometime after her husband's departure, and left to join him at one of the coast ports or in America.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

William H. May

United States Consul.

No. 51

*Cons Bureau
To advise int.
Spanier out of abn-
dant Caution -*

Consulate of the United States,
Pretoria

Jan. II, 1901, ~~189~~

Mr. Hay

To the Department of State.



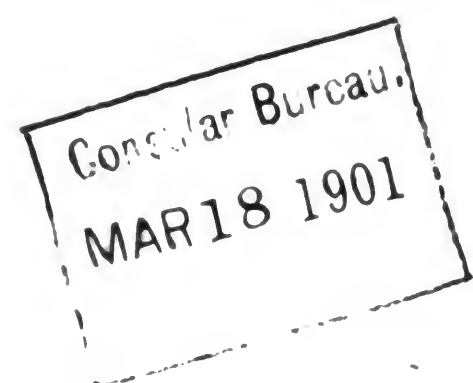
Subject:

Letter from Mrs Spanier in regard to her late husband H
Harry Spanier.

*To Mrs H
Spanier
acted by
gen*

Abstract of Contents.

Have written to Mrs Spanier enclosing a certificate of *Mich 19*
her husbands burial, together with a draft for the sum re- *1901*
ceived from the sale of his effects, and his private papers.



No 51

Consulate of the United States

Pretoria S.A. Jan. II, 1901.

Hon. David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's despatch No 81 of Oct. 29, 1900 enclosing a letter from Mrs Spanier in regard to her late husband Harry Spanier.

I beg to refer to my communication of Nov. I, 1900 and to inform you that I have lately written to Mrs Spanier enclosing a certificate of her husbands burial together with a draft for the sum received from the sale of his effects, and his private papers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Adelbert H. May

United States Consul.

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No. 51 *his*



Consulate of the United States,

*Cons Bureau
So advise Mr
Weston referring
to his letter of
Dec 6 1900*

Pretoria S.A. Feb. 20, 1901.

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler, Esq.

Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.



Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of
your despatch No 87 dated Dec. 11th 1900, re money
sent to this office for Edward Clark and to state
that I find no such remittance here; in fact I find
no correspondence for Mr Clark whatever.

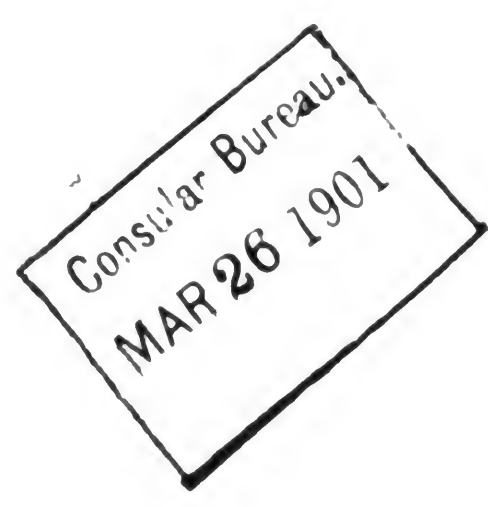
*To Henry C
Weston
Ackd by
him
Apr 10
1901*

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant.

Wm D Gordon

Acting United States Consul



No. 52



Consulate of the United States,

Mr. Bureau.
AcR 1 ref. him to Mr
Hay No 47 of Dec 23,
1900 *Arthur*

Pretoria S.A. Feb. 20, 1901

Honorable Thos W. Gridler Esq.

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.



Sir: I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your
despatch No 86 of Dec. 1st. 1900. re the payment to Pres-
ident Kruger of 903 dollars forwarded by Theo B.
Thiele Treas. Chicago.

Vice Con at
Pretoria
Ans

Mar 27

1901

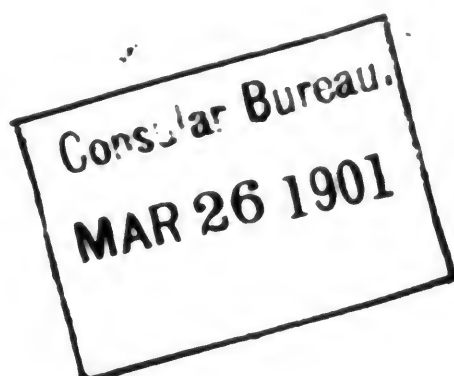
As no data was received by me from Mr Hay re
this transaction, I would suggest that he can give the
necessary information personally,

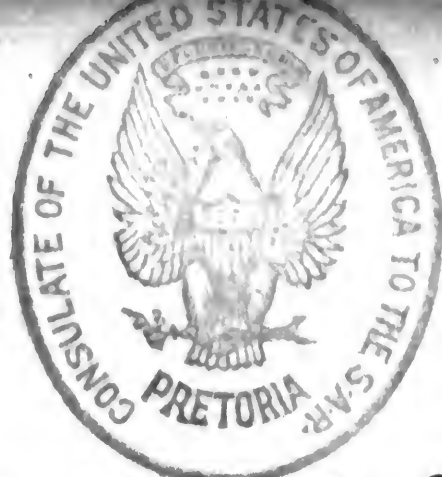
I am, Sir

Your obedient servant

C. W. G. Gordon

Acting United States Consul





*Cons. Bureau
See Mr. Vandenberg
direction for reply
Aida*

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria S.A. Feb. 20, 1901.

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

*Ans. Mch.
30, 1901.*



Sir:

As many citizens of the United States have taken up arms in the hostilities now in progress in this country, after having been warned by the U.S. Consul to keep neutral,

I would be glad of some information as to their status as citizens and how they must be treated by the Consul.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. J. Ford

Acting U.S. Consul



No. 54

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria S.A. March 6, 1901.

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler

Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your
favour No 90 January 19, 1901. re letter from Miss
Margaret C. Monet and I beg to enclose copy of letter
written the lady.

I notice that the Department address letters to Mr
van Ameringen, Vice Consul.

This gentleman has not been connected with this
office for almost two years.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Gordon

Acting United States Consul

Cons Bureau
Asked Mr. Har
re van Ameringen
re Gordon
April 1901

APR 13 1901

Miss Monet
April 15 1901

Cons. for Bureau
APR 13 1901

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Consulate of the United States

Pretoria S.A. March 6, 1901

Miss Margaret Monat

572 Warren Avenue,

Chicago. Ill. U.S.A.

Madam:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Jan. 12th 1901. addressed to Hon John Hay.

I beg to state that we are still under martial law all civil processes are now and have been suspended since Oct 11, 1899. The Orphan Master is not sitting and nothing can be done in settlement of the estate until he resumes his office.

I have received a power of attorney from Mr Hay for the settlement of the estate and as soon as possible will move in the matter.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Gordon
Acting United States Consul

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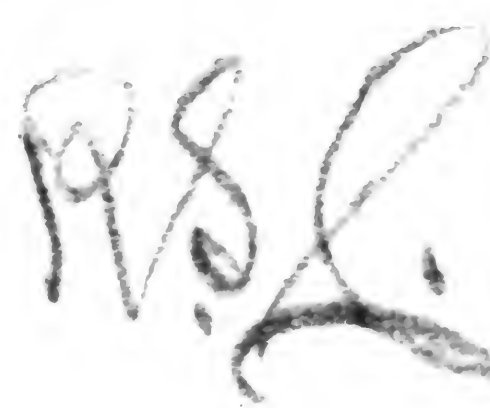
Consular Bureau.

MEMORANDUM.

April 19, 1901.

Mr. Shand:

I have spoken to Mr. Cridler in regard to Mr. Van Ameringen and he directs that we address Mr. Hay, Consul at Pretoria, asking him in regard to Mr. Van Ameringen's departure from Pretoria which I understand has not been reported to us, and the circumstances under which Mr. Gordon came in charge of the consulate. You can add that it will be necessary in order for Mr. Gordon to receive compensation that he be appointed Vice Consul and qualify in that office. At present he is borne on our records as Consular Agent at Johannesburg.



ms. c. —
H.
No.55

Cons. Roman
So advise the inter-
ested party *Cholera*

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria S.A. March 6, 1901. , 189 .

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler.

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

APR 13 1901

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your
favour No85 of Nov. 23rd. 1900, re Meyer L. Kaplan and to
state that I have seen Mr Kaplan.

He informs me that he has had correspondence from
Israel S. Kaplan since the above date and has answered
same.

I am, Sir.

Your obedient servant

20 JS Kaplan
Ackd by form
Apr 17
1901

Wm. H. ...
Acting United States Consul

Cons. Bureau
APR 13 1901

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria S.A. March 6, 1901.

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Inform interested person

Honorable Thos W. Cridler

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your

~~former~~
~~Form~~ No 91 of Jan 19th last enclosing letter for Mr

Fran. Nelson.

I beg to state that the same has been handed Mr
Nelson.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul

*To Joseph
Kohnstamm
Apr 11*

1901



ms C.
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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria S.A. March 6, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler

APR 13 1901

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have had an application ~~for~~ a passport from
a man with the following history according to him-
self

Ans
Apr 20
1901

Name Benjamin Franklin

Born Richmond, Va, in 1854, left there in 1879 returned
in 1881 and remained nine months, left again and
returned in 1884 remaining two months and has
not been back since. Has paid taxes but once ei,
a poll tax in 1878.

I have refused to issue passport until a deci-
sion is received from the Department.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. H. ...

Acting United States Consul



Office of the
Third Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Chellon

Adm & say 2

The statements of
your despatches are to
enable to enable the
Dept to found an intellig-
ent decision. As a
native born citizen Mr.
Franklin would ordinarily
be entitled to a passport
unless it were shown that
during his long absence
from the U.S he had done
some act by which he
had forfeited his citizenship.

Office of the
Third Assistant Secretary.

It is true that he has been
almost continuously away
from the U.S., excepting
two months in 1881 and
again two months in 1884,
Ever since he left it
in 1879 at the age of
twenty four years. It
is assumed also that you
had some good reason
for your action in de-
clining to issue a passport
beyond the fact of Mr
Franklin's continued

Office of the

Third Assistant Secretary.

and unexplained
residence out side of
her native country. I
enclose for your informa-
tion copy of the Dep'ts cir-
cular of March 27, 1899,
upon the subject of the
 issuance of passports to
~~persons~~ persons
residing or sojourning
abroad and invite a
sworn statement from
Mr Franklin ^{as to the} ~~upon the~~
reasons for his contin-
ued residence abroad.

Office of the
Third Assistant Secretary.

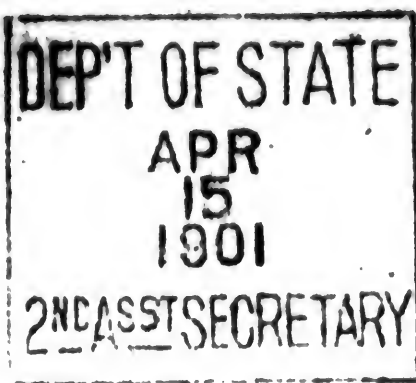
for so long a period ~~on~~
and why he particularly
wants a passport at
the present time.

Upon receipt of this
Statement, together with
any further suggestions
you may wish to pre-
sent, a decision will
be made in this case

Adly

Enc

Circum March 27, 1899



CONSULAR BUREAU.

Regular course

along



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria March 12, 1901.

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Honorable Alvey A. Adee

Second. Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

50 minutes

*Copy to
Mrs G. Cronson
Adm by file*

Sir:

Your despatch No88 of Dec.20th re Samuel Shapiro d Apr 17
did not reach me until Feb.26th. 1901

I beg to enclose herewith Burial certificate of the Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society showing that one Samuel Spero was buried on Aug.2nd 1900. I am informed that Spero and Shapiro are the same person.

I have an inquiry from an attorney of New York, R. X Samuels by name who is asking for data in the same case. I shall endeavour to get a death certificate and send detail of estate etc. to him if obtainable,

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant.

Wm D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul



Pretoria 7th March 1901.

This is to certify that
Samuel Sporo
who died in the Cottage Hospital, Pretoria on the 1st of
August 1900, was buried on the 2nd of August 1900 on
the Jewish Burial Ground, Block H. Grave No 48.

L. Feinberg
President

Hollson.
Hon. Sec.
P. J. H. H. & S.

No. 58

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria March 19, 1901

Honorable Thos W. Cridler

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to enclose herewith Report of the
Death of Wm. E. Mummy.

I have the honour to be

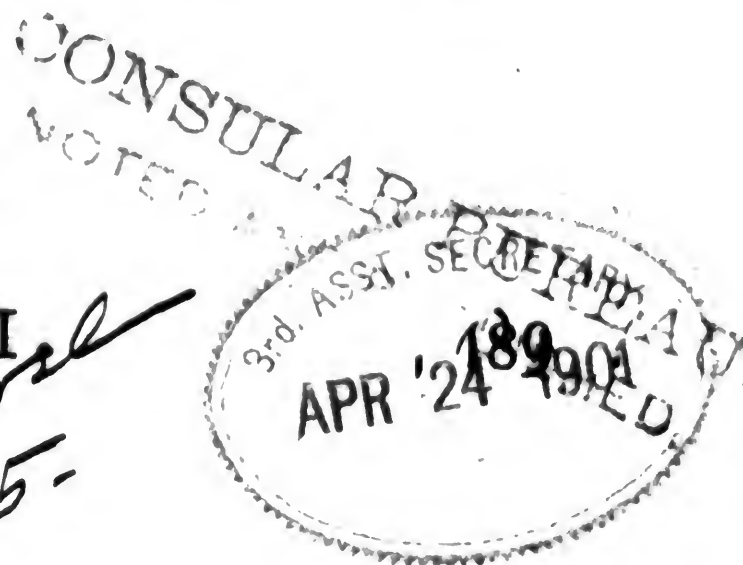
Sir

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

Cons Bureau
Not Recd



Adm

Adm by
bureau
Apr 26

1901



CONSULAR SERVICE
NOTED AND PUBLISHED

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

March 19th

1901.

Name: William E. Mummy

Native or naturalized: native

Date of death: January 7th 1901.

Place of death: Johannesburg Hospital, Johannesburg

Cause of death: Injury received by being caught in machinery.

Disposition of remains: Buried in Johannesburg Cemetery

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: I have been appointed Curator
Bonis by Military Governor. Shall now collecting
effects to hold until civil law prevails

Address of family: Zions Grove, Penn.

Family notified: Yes.

Accompanied by relatives:

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

Book, pages

Remarks: Military governor notifies that he can
only appoint provisionally to collect and keep
effects until Orphan Master again sits.

[SEAL.]

W. D. Gordon
Consular Agent of the United States.

(Form No. 192.)

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Johannsburg

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. / in despatch

No. _____

March 19th, 190*5*.

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*Act Bureau
file*

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria March 19, 1901.

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.



Sir:

I have received at the hands of the Department
from Herman ^{Schiffelin} ~~Scheffler~~ copy of the World Almanac for
1901 for which I desire to express thanks.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Wm J Gordon

Acting United States Consul.



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*His Bureau
Send Supply*

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria March 19, 1901.

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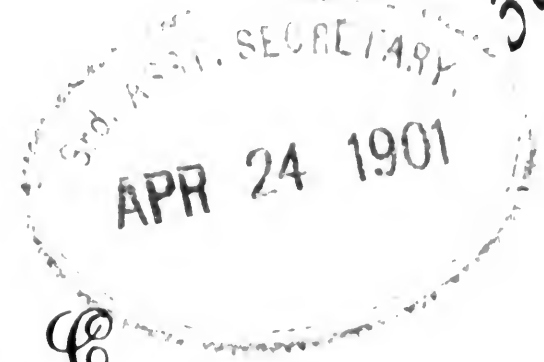
*sent for
via
30 April*

Honorable Thos W. Cridler

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.



Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that both this
office and the Johannesburg branch, as well, are al-
most destitute of stationary of all kinds ^{we} in particu-
larly want blank envelopes of all sizes, headed unrul-
ed paper of all sizes, and a supply of flags, as well
as two ^{such} letters received also letters sent book; we
have practically no pencils, pens, penholders, tape,
sealing wax, blotters or seals.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant.

[Signature]
Acting United States Consul.



W. J. H.
No 61



Mr. Russell

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria March 26, 1901.

*Received
May 8, 1901*

Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have had an application for a passport from Isaac Louis Speelman, whose history as told by himself is as follows.

Born Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov, 10, 1854.

Left for Europe in 1869 returned in 1873 and left end of 1874 returned in 1883 remained 18 months and again returned in 1893 when he stayed in New York nearly two years, after which time he came to South Africa and remained here since. Has never paid any taxes in the U.S.A. nor has voted there.

Can a man under these conditions have a passport granted him?

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. G. Jordan

Acting United States Consul.

No. 62

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 17, 1901.

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FILE

Honorable Thos W. Cridler

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

MAY 29 1901

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch of Jan. 26th No 92 re Capt Reichman's expressions for courtesies extended to him by Messrs Hay and Coolidge and I beg to say that I have forwarded a copy of same to Mr Hay for the information of Mr Coolidge and himself.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Acting United States Consul.

Consular Bureau
MAY 29 1901

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 16, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

File

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No 94 dated Feb. 5th enclosing copy of letter from Miss Felker in re W. D. Gordon.

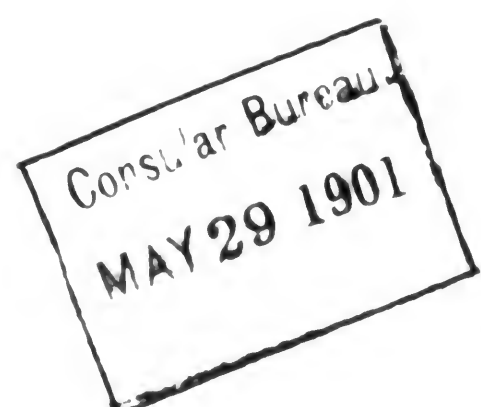
As I am the subject under ^{discussion} ~~decision~~ I prefer to say nothing except that I trust the Department will institute a thorough investigation. It is a case wherein insult is being added to injury. I think Mr.

any knows details

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Acting United States Consul.



No. 64



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 16, 1901

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with mem. received from the Department dated Feb. 5th I have the honour to enclose herewith application for T. F. Burgers as messenger in this office.

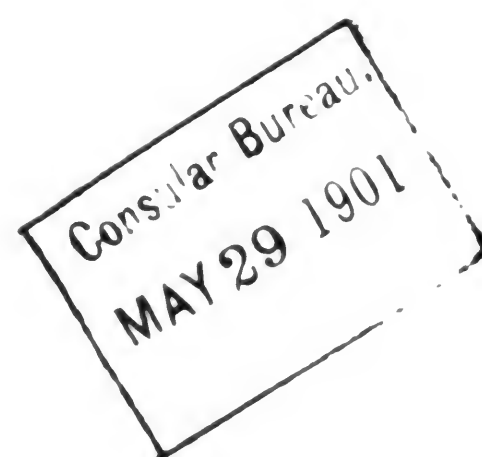
I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant

M. J. G. van der Merwe

Acting United States Consul.



No. 65

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 30, 1901.

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to report that I have received notice from the Secretary of the Identification Department of the Transvaal Branch of the Geneva Red Cross Society that one William Johnson formerly of New Orleans La. died at Pretoria on Feb.

Ist

Upon inquiry I am further informed that no papers or other means of identification were found.

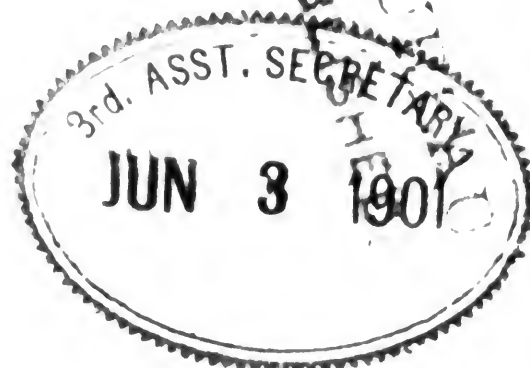
I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Acting United States Consul.

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Pretoria, not vach
no form*

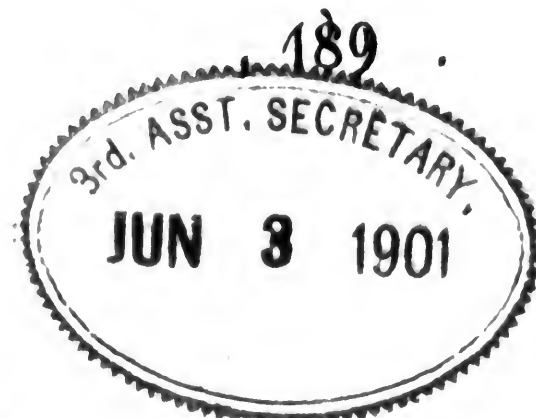


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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 30, 1901

*Cons Bureau
To advise Mr
Spero referring to
her letter of Feb
13 1901*



Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of
despatch No 95 Feb. 18th re the late Samuel Spero
and to state that full statement together with
death certificate, Burial receipt and statement of
S. Aronson were mailed by me on March 19th to Rubin
Samuels 273 Broadway, New York City.

*To Mrs
Samuel Spero
June 4
1901*

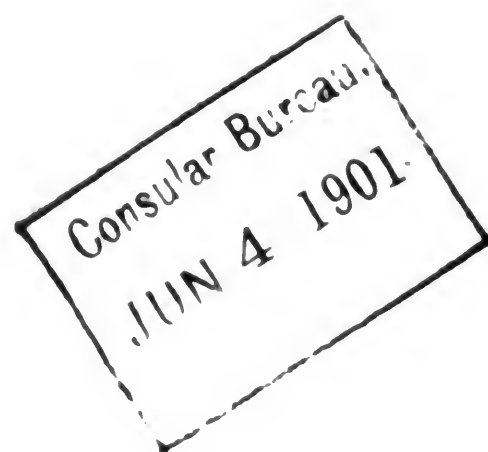
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. Jordan

Acting United States Consul.



No. 67

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 8, 1901.

*Ans Russian
to advise Mrs.
Walsh referring to
her letter of Feb 21*

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt
of your despatch No 102 dated March 23, 1901. re t
the relations of Mrs M.F. Walsh and I beg to say
that I communicated fully with Mr Walsh on Feb.

*To Mrs
M F Walsh
Adm'd by form
June 14
1901*

22nd. *Last of the subject*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. F. Fisher

Acting United States Consul.



No. 68

Consulate of the United States,

*On Bureau
to advise Mr
Steenhuisen refer.
my to his letter of
Dec 14 —*

Pretoria May 8, 1901.

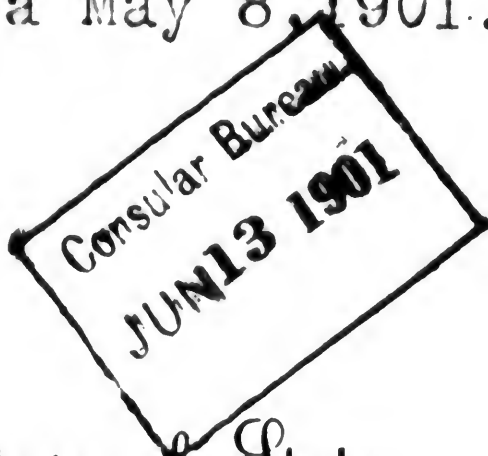
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Honorable Thos W. Cridler

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.



Sir:

Referring to your despatch No 89 dated Jan
8th 1901. re the whereabouts of T. Steenhuisen I
regret to state that diligent inquiries have
failed to locate him. I have advertised and done
all in my power but get no response.

*To E.
Steenhuisen
Ackd by form
June 14
1901*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. G. Ford

Acting United States Consul.

No. 69

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 13, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.



Sir:

Referring to your despatch No84 dated Nov.

23rd 1900.re John Jacob Verkouteren I have the honour to enclose copy of letter received from the gentleman, also to report that I have seen him since the writing of his letter and he informs me that he is writing his mother direct.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. G. ...

Acting United States Consul



(Copy)

Driefontein

(Klipriver) 29.4.1901. ✓

W.D.Gordon Esq.

U.S.Consular Agent,
Johannesburg.

Dear-Sir:-

I received your letter of the 11th inst.and in compliance with your request, hereby return to you the copy of my brother's letter. A letter from my brother sent by you to my address box 1630 Jhsburg, about a month ago, I also duly received, I answered my brother's letter last month.

Thanking you very much for the trouble taken on my behalf,

I remain,

Respt.yours.

(Signed) J.J.Verke~~u~~teren

Box 1630 Johannesburg
Transvaal.

No. 70



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 13, 1901.

*Ans Bureau
so advise ch
P. A. Henry vfr
rights his Attorney
March 1st*



Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt
of your despatch No 98 dated March 5th re William
Branson and beg to state that I have seen the gen-
tleman who appears to be in perfect health.

He informs me that he has written to his
mother.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Acting United States Consul.



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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 20, 1901.

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No97 dated March 5th re the whereabouts of Bernard M. Cullen and beg to state that Mr Cullen was taken prisoner in Pretoria some six or seven months ago and in company of Mr Hart was deported by the British Government.

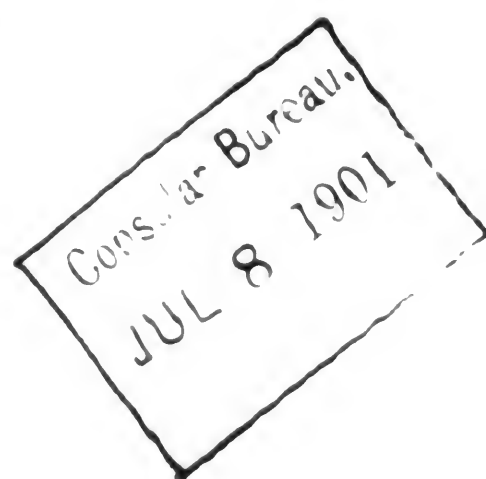
I saw them when on their way through Johannesburg and they informed me that they were being sent to the United States.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Acting United States Consul



*Acknowledged by former
Hon. George P. Lawrence
July 9, 1901*

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 21, 1901.

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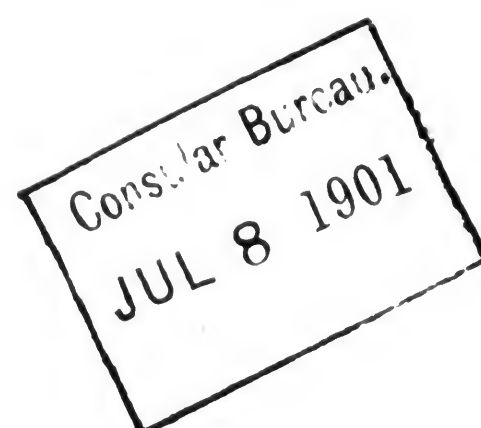
Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

*Acknowledged by form and Fletcher
to Hon. Secretary, 9.1901.*



I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No 101 dated March 11th re the late Capt Henry Fitz-Herbert and to enclose copy of letter received from Capt Dave, Paymaster of the S.A. L.H.

I have written Capt Dave to favour me with the report of the Board appointed to enquire into Capt Fitz-Herbert's salary and will forward as soon as received.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Acting United States Consul.

(Copy)

Bloemfontein

13th.May '01.

W.D.Gordon Esq.

Act.United States Consul.

Pretoria.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th.inst.asking for information re the death of the late Capt.H.Fitz-Herbert. The regiment having been absent from here for sometime,I have not the full particulars,but am informed that they have been forwarded by Col Byng to the late Capt. Fitz-Herbert's father. Paper and effects have also been forwarded.

A board was appointed to adjust his pay account,but the members have not been able to complete the report,as there are some claims which can only be settled on the return of one of our officers,who is absent on sick leave,

The amount due will not be as much as Mrs Fitz-Herbert anticipates,as £226:2:6 was advanced in addition to the pay drawn from the Transvaal Constabulary from June 14 to 18 July '00,inclusive.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) W.H.Dawe
Capt.

Paymaster South African Light Horse

No. 73



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 28, 1901.

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch No96 of March 1st
re the whereabouts of J.S. Fraser I have the honour
to state that the gentleman is in good health and
steady employment but it is inexpedient to give
any details at the present time.

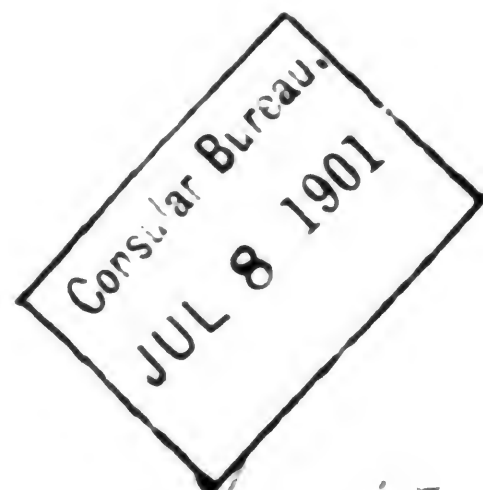
As soon as the censorship of letters and
martial law cease he will write his relations
fully.

I have the honour to be,

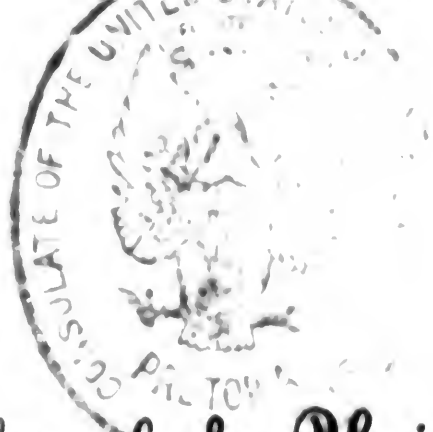
Sir,

Your obedient servant

Acting United States Consul.



No. 74



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 4, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

FILE

Sir:

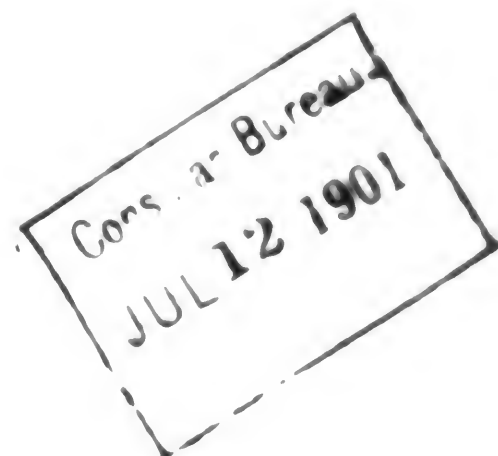
I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatches Nos. 103, 104, 105, 107 (2), 108 and 109, acknowledgements of my despatches Nos. 28, 20, 16, 21, 17, 46, 42, 44, and 49, also the following circulars Authentication of Pension Vouchers of Citizens of Foreign Countries, Certificate of Disinfection of Rags, Description of Offices etc in Triplicate.

I have forwarded copies of circulars to Johannesburg and Bloemfontein and will reply to the despatches as rapidly as I get the data.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant



Acting United States Consul

John
No. 75



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 4, 1901.

*Answering further info?
investigation July 16-1901*

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to report re your despatch
March 27/01
No 103 re money sent Harry A. Nelson that I have seen
Mr F.C. Nelson and the gentleman informs me that he
can give no further information than that Mr Hay
cabled the money to Hamburg and that his brother
reported that he had never received the remittance.

Possibly Mr Hay can give some information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. J. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.



*forwarded to Nelson. March 27/01
Hamburg 1901
Hamburg 1901*

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 18, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch No 99 enclosing
copy of letter from Mrs Wm. T. Doherty re the where-
abouts of John A. Doherty, I am sorry to inform you
that after diligent inquiry I have been unable to
get any information whatever regarding him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. T. Doherty

Acting United States Consul.



ack. by form.
To William T. Doherty
July 30, 1901.

From Sec of
War - Feb 27, 1901.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 18, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to enclose reports of deaths of three citizens of the United States as follows-

Charles Clarke Perkins ✓

Henry W. Deane ✓

Morris W. Goodman ✓

Am sorry that these have not been sent before but civil affairs move slowly under martial law and delays occur through my not finding time to properly look after both this and the Johannesburg offices. I spend two days each week in Pretoria and the balance looking after Consular work and my own business in Johannesburg.

Would be very glad to know what the Department intends to do re ~~the~~ representation in this country. When I agreed to look after the Pretoria office Mr Hay led me to believe that I would be obliged to go to Pretoria not to exceed three or four months, it is now in the sixth month and no prospective change. I will continue as long as it is necessary, but ~~I~~ am not only overworked but my expenses are great. I am obliged to keep an assistant at each end at an expense of £40 (\$194) per month.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Wm. D. Gordon
Acting Consul



REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

CONSULAR BUREAU
NOTED

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Victoria June 17th 1901.

Name: Charles Clarke Perkins

Native or naturalized: native

Date of death: April 9th 1901

Place of death: Germiston, Transvaal

Cause of death: Old age

Disposition of remains: Buried in Primrose Cemetery

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: In possession of Wm Watson Esq. General
manager So. Goldfields Deep Ltd. on which mine Mr.
Perkins was employed

Address of family: San Francisco

Family notified: By Mr. Watson

Accompanied by relatives: no relatives here

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

Book, pages No 5

Remarks:

[SEAL.]

Wm Watson

Acting Consul of the United States

(FORM No. 192.)

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. _____ in despatch

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(Form No. 192.)

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

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CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. _____ in despatch

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 25, 1901.

Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

of June 1, 1901.

Referring to despatch No 108 re the condition of

William Seanlan I have the honour to enclose herewith

copy of a letter from the P.M.O. Bloemfontein dated June

16th. which is self explanatory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D. Landon

Acting United States Consul.

*Copy to
R C Davery
Acting Secy
Aug 7 1901*

(Copy)

Principal Medical Office

Bloemfontein

I6-6-01

The U.S. Consul

Bloemfontein

The man referred to William Henderson, was discharged
from No8 General Hospital today 21-2-01

He had suffered from rifle wound of chest. He has not
since been in Hospital here and I am unable to say where his
Regement is at present.

(Signed) I. Connor Capt.

R.A.M.C.

For P.M.O.

Bloemfontein.

CONSULAR SERVICE U S A



U. S. Consular Agency,

Pretoria

Johannesburg.

28 June, 1901.

FILE



Hon. John Hay,

(Secretary of State)

Washington (D.C.) U.S.A.

Sir:-

I have the honor to confirm, per copy herewith, my cable of the 24th inst. re the painful news of your son's death.

I cannot express the profound sorrow with which the news of our late Consul's death was received by the American community here. During his term of office, Mr Hay endeared himself to all with whom his duties brought him into contact. His unfailing courtesy and tact under conditions of extreme difficulty, won for him such a measure of esteem and personal regard, that the news of his death brings with it a sense of keen personal loss to his many friends here. The general sorrow is such that it has been felt undesirable to hold this year the usual 4th July dinner, consequently the arrangement has been abandoned.

I have been the recipient of many expressions of the deepest regret at the sad news, and among them is a letter from a late Field-Marshal of the South African Republic, a copy of which I beg to enclose.

Speaking on behalf of all classes of Americans here, I can only echo the sentiments of pride with which they regarded him as their representative in Pretoria; their great regret at the untimely ending of so promising a career, and their desire to extend to you and all the members of his family their deepest sympathy in your sorrow.

I have the honor to be,

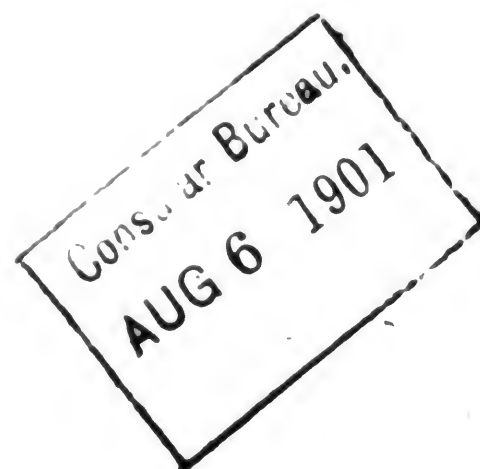
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. D. Ford

U. S. Consular Agent.

(copy letter)

*Adm'd by and
Aug. 8.**Copy sent to Mr. Debevoise,
by Mr. Adams' direction.
P.S.*

(No 1387)

June 24th, 1900.

H A Y,

Washington.

S I N C E R E S T S Y M P A T H Y I N
W H I C H H U N D R E D S A D E L B E R T S
F R I E N D S H E R E J O I N.
G O R D O N.

Wm. D. Gordon,
(U. S. Consular Agent)
c/o "Archaean"

(C O P Y)

Johannesburg,

26th June, 1901.

W. D. Gordon, Esq.,
U. S. Consul,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir:-

To you, as the U. S. representative here, and thro' you to his bereaved father in America, I beg to tender (on my own account, and on behalf of several burgher friends) our deepest sympathy with your country and him on the loss you have sustained by the untimely decease of Mr Adelbert Hay, who, until so lately was your representative at Pretoria. By many of my fellow-burghers, to whom he was known, he was regarded with feelings of deep regard and respect, and the report of his death came as a great shock to them, even at this time when they are almost in daily receipt of tidings of the death of one or other of their own relatives and friends.

Should an opportunity offer of conveying a suitable expression of our condolence to Mr Hay senior, you will do us a kindness.

I am requested, specially, by Commandant Dupreez of Krugersdorp to embody an expression of his sympathy too.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) E. Sheppard.

No. 79



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 2, 1901.

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch No4 re Mint returns I beg to state that after persistent inquiry I am now in receipt of ^{an} ~~the only~~ unsatisfactory letter from the Controller of the Treasury, (Copy herewith). In addition to the data contained in the letter I may say that I have gleaned the following information unofficially.

No3---No coinage was executed for any ther Government.

No4---No Gold was ~~used~~ in industrial arts.

No13--Produced by mines during 1900-348,760 ounces fine gold

No15--No silver was produced

No26--This country is on a gold basis.

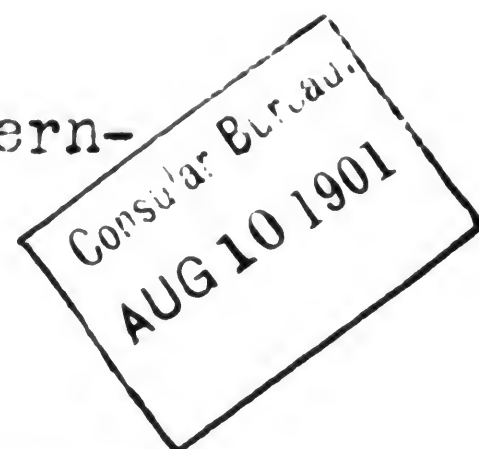
I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Acting United States Consyl

Copy to
Trans
Ackd by form
Aug 12
1901



(Copy)

Controller of the Treasury's Office

Pretoria June 24th 1901.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of 13th inst, and regret the delay which, owing to pressure of work, has occurred in replying to your letter of 25th April on the subject of Mint Returns in this country for the past year.

The state of war which existed throughout 1900, and the dislocation of business consequent thereon, makes it impossible to give any reliable statistics on most of the points asked for. The Mint has ^{not} been worked since the date of the British occupation of Pretoria on 5th June 1900. As far as can be ascertained from existing records, it was worked from November 1899 to beginning of June ~~June~~ 1900, and during that time £947,000 of gold was coined in sovereigns (none of which was recoinage) and no silver.

Certain gold mines were worked, since the outbreak of war by the late Government, but no statistics are available as to their production of gold.

With regard to the circulation of notes during the year 1900, there is no information, in this office, dealing with this question.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Signed)

P. Duncan

Controller of the Treasury

W.D. Gordon, Esq.

United States Consular Agent

Johannesburg.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 2, 1901.

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NOTED AND PUBLISHED

Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Secretary of the Identification Department of the Red Cross Society notified me on June 28th that Thomas Naughton of Chicago aged 26 years died of fever at Bless rivier, Transvaal on Oct. 17th 1900. The information was given in the "Zoutpansberg Wachter" under date Nov. 16th 1900. Naughton was undoubtedly in the Boer ranks.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant

Acting United States Consul.

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ack Aug. 21/1901

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 9, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the following despatches, one undated re the death Wm. E. Mummy Apr. 10th, 17th. (2), No III^{Apr} 19th,, No II 2 Apr. 20th, No II 3 Apr. 23rd, No II 4 Apr. 26th, Apr 30th, also No II 5 May 8th.

All subjects shall have immediate attention and the despatches answered as soon as results are obtained.

I have been signing letters and transacting business with the Military Authorities here as Acting Consul on the instructions of late Mr A. S. Hay. If you have any comments to make I shall be glad to have them.

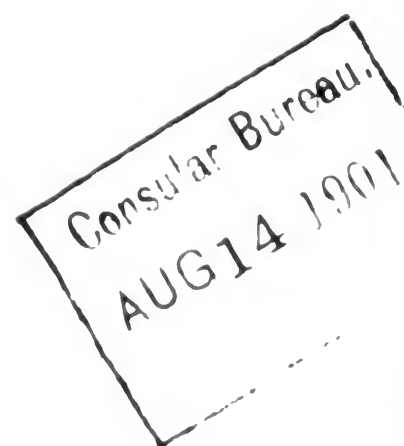
I am continually called on to intervene on behalf of American citizens, as is quite natural while a country is under martial law and unless I have a "locus standi" am afraid no attention will be given to my protests.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Acting United States Consul



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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 9, 1901.

*Two by four
Aug 15/1901*

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch of May 21st re messenger service allowance and beg to state that no change has occurred ~~and~~ I would refer you to my despatch No 64, under date of April 16th. 1901.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. G.
Acting United States Consul

Consular Bureau
AUG 14 1901

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 23, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch No 114, re the estate of Thomas Halcrow deceased I have the honour to enclose copy of letter from the Orphan Master of the South African Republic ^{dated Aug 3rd 1899} which is self explanatory.

The matter lays in abeyance as we are under martial law and a regular Orphan Master has not yet been appointed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant

Wm D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

Copy to
Agnes Johnson
Ack'd by form
Aug 28, 1901



(Copy)

Orphan Chamber

Pretori,

August 3, 1899.

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of August 1st, No 670, I beg to inform you that Thomas Halcrow died on the 5th of March 1892 at the Ellerton Mine in the Zoutpansberg, and that his estate as far as was then known, consisted of £30 (Thirty pounds) in cash and some valueless shares, etc. This portion of the estate was settled and administered by Mr A.A. Auret, who was appointed executor, the balance accruing from this amount, viz: £24:10:0 (Twenty -four pounds ten shillings) was deposited in our office on June 13, 1893. It has since been discovered, however, that the deceased had deposited in a bank here £100 (One hundred pounds). To arrange for the settlement of this part of the estate Mr G.I. Davidson was appointed executor. Any further personal assets of which the deceased may have possessed are unknown to me, and are not shown in any of the documents now in my possession.

For the legal heirs to derive benefit of moneys in the estate, it will be necessary: That two or more persons well known to the family make a sworn statement stating:

- 1st. If the parents of the deceased be alive or not,
- 2nd. Who the sisters and brothers of the deceased are,
- 3rd. Further proof that these parties are of age and in case they are married, a copy of Marriage Certificate will be necessary.

In case any brothers or sisters of the deceased having died in the meantime, proof will have to be shown if they were married or not, and should they have been married then in that case what children have been the outcome of the marriage, and copies of birth certificates forwarded.

Also notice of death of any of the brothers or sisters or their deceased children, with proof of their being of age or otherwise. This proof of identity is absolutely necessary to those wishing to claim any portion of this inheritance.

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Should, however, there not be any brothers or sisters alive, then the same formalities apply on behalf of claimants being next of kin.

The heirs who desire to draw any money out of the estate must empower someone resident in this country to act on their behalf and all such documents and signatures to this effect require to be legalized by the Consul of the country in which they reside, or if there be no Consul such documents to be endorsed by the State Secretary of the province in which they are domiciled. This will obviate any difficulty in legalizing their claims here.

I have the honour to be etc.,

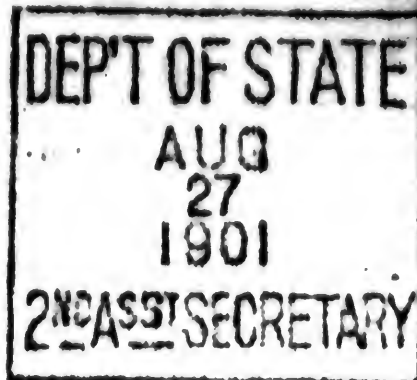
(Signed) J. Brown

for Orphan Master

To the Honourable,

the Consul of the United States of America.

PRETORIA.



CONSULAR BUREAU.

Ack & file.
ack

Consulate of the United States,

PRETORIA (TRANSVAAL).

July 26th, 1901.

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Mr. Wm. D. Gordon (Acting U. S. Consul).

To the Department of State.

Subject:

*Ack'd by
form
Aug 28
1901*

MORTALITY IN BOER CONCENTRATION CAMPS.



Abstract of Contents.

Refers to confidential letter enclosed on the subject. States that letters have been sent by the Johannesburg Consuls to Military Governor and Lord Kitchener, to which no reply was received. States that copy of report on the subject has been forwarded to 12 European Governments by their representatives in Johannesburg, and explaining that the American Press obtains its news only after same has passed British Censor.

No. ⁸⁴~~175~~

Consulate of the United States,

PRETORIA (TRANSVAAL)

July 26th, 1901, ¹⁸⁹

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

3rd Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The enclosed confidential letter may be considered to be written in strong (possibly in too strong) language, but I feel very strongly on the subject, and am willing to go to any sacrifice, personally, to help these poor people.

Several months ago a letter was written to the Military Governor in Johannesburg by the Consuls, re the state of affairs at the Johannesburg Camp but no satisfactory answer was received; however, a better and a greater supply of provisions was had shortly afterwards. About two months ago a letter was sent by the Consuls to Lord Kitchener re all the Camps, but no answer was received from him.

All the Consuls are a unit in this matter, and by this and last week's mail, the following Governments were sent a copy of the report:

Austria	France	Holland	Russia
Belgium	Germany	Italy	Switzerland
Denmark	Greece	Portugal	Turkey

With two exceptions, representatives of the above Governments have been here throughout the war, and probably are as familiar with the situation as any Neutral can be.

(Pretoria Consulate to State Dept.)
(No 178, 26/7/01)

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You will, of course, understand that the reports reaching the American Press always pass the British Censor, and we have experienced, frequently, that misleading information ~~information~~ is published, and at other times the truth is suppressed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. D. Gordon.

Acting U. S. Consul.

No.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Consulate of the United States,
PRETORIA (TRANSVAAL)

July 26th, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

3rd Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose copy of Report made to the Consular Corps on the condition of the Concentration Camps for Burgher women and children, located in various sections of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony. I send you the original as I have not had time to get the report translated, and it is desirable that this week's outgoing mail be caught.

The signers of the report are D. Cinatti, Consul-General & Charge d'Affaires for Portugal, Baron S. Bittner, Consul for Austro-Hungary, Baron Ostman, Consul for Germany, Switzerland and Turkey.

The Consuls recognise that by no international law have they a right to interfere in a matter purely between Briton and Boer, at the same time they cannot in the name of humanity see practically the annihilation of a nation, without doing what may lie in their power to stop the ill-usage, or at any rate to assist in some way, the helpless women and children, who probably are being made to suffer in this war as women and children have never suffered before.

We believe this state of affairs to be absolutely unnecessary which makes one think we are back in primeval times, instead of what we are pleased to call the enlightened present.

It may be through ignorance - but more likely through speculation of subordinates - that the supplies are short; that improper and insufficient clothing is given these poor creatures; at any rate, the results are appalling, and we think the nations present by official representation, will be implicated if they do not stop this crime against humanity.

We believe that the Governments of all civilized nations have the right and duty to interfere in favor of women and children, oppressed and decimated as the results of ill-treatment to which they are being subjected, and the consequences if not so bloodthirsty, are none the less effective than the sufferings of the Armenians at the hands of the Turk.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm D Gordon

Acting U. S. Consul.

RAPPORT AU CORPS CONSULAIRE DE PRETORIA.

Messieurs,

Le Comité que vous avez bien voulu nommer pour étudier la situation des camps où sont concentrées les familles boers, bien que n'ayant pas pu obtenir les informations aussi complètes qu'il aurait désiré, est cependant arrivé à des résultats assez concluants qu'il a l'honneur de vous soumettre ci-après :

I. Pour que vous puissiez juger de la situation, le comité a dressé les tableaux suivants :

a. de la population et des décès dans les camps, pendant le mois d'avril 1901, d'après un rapport officiel de l'inspecteur général des camps;

b. de la mortalité dans les camps du Transvaal, calculée d'après les données du tableau a., - d'après les rapports publiés à la Gazette officielle et d'après des informations dignes de foi;

c. de la mortalité dans les camps de Bloemfontein et de Kroonstad, d'après les publications de la Gazette officielle de l'Orange;

d. et le tableau nosologique et nécrologique des camps du Transvaal d'après la Gazette officielle.

II. quoique ces tableaux ne soient pas complets, en raison

des lacunes de semaines entières que présentent les publications officielles, on peut néanmoins en conclure:

1) que la mortalité dans les camps dépasse les plus fortes proportions données dans toutes les tables connues;

2) que cette mortalité est de 2 à 14 fois supérieure à celle de Pretoria qui, d'après une statistique du Dr. Stroud, n'est, en moyenne, que de 25 par mille et par an;

3) que la mortalité parmi les enfants internés dans les camps atteint un maximum effrayant.

III. Le Comité,

Se basant sur les affirmations réitérées de l'opinion publique -sur les informations de témoins oculaires, -sur les dépositions de certains témoins dans un procès devant la cour martiale de Pretoria et, enfin, sur les observations "de visu" faites par quatre des membres du corps consulaire qui ont eu l'occasion d'aller visiter le camp de Irene,

Est porté à croire que les causes principales des maladies dont une telle mortalité est la conséquence, sont:

les difficultés qu'ont eu à éprouver et les privations qu'ont dû supporter les familles boers après qu'elles ont été enlevées de leurs fermes et pendant le trajet pour se rendre aux camps où elles sont cantonnées: trajet qui a, parfois, duré une vingtaine de jours;

la fréquente insuffisance, parfois la mauvaise qualité de la nourriture qui est distribuée; souvent aussi une alimentation de la population enfantine peu adaptée à ses besoins;

Tableau de la mortalité des Boers concentrés aux camps du Transvaal,
après les rapports officiels et des informations dignes de foi.

CAMP	ET	MOIS	Nombre des Concentrés			Mortalité de la période indiquée sur 1000 par an					
			au des- -sus de 8 ans	-sous Total	au des- -sus de 8 ans	au des- -sous Total	au des- -sus de 8 ans	au des- -sous Total	au des- -sus de 8 ans	au des- -sous Total	au des- -sous Total
Middelburg											
	Avril		666.	626.	1292.	5.	4.	9.	86.	77.	83.
Potchefstroom.											
	Avril		1577.	4147.	5724.	a 7.	a 17.	24.	53.	39.	54.
1-17. Mai			b 1605.	b 4207.	c 5812.	8.	17.	25.	106.	86.	94.
Standerton											
	Avril		584.	553.	1237.	d 5.	d 20.	25.	104.	372.	255.
Volkswaard											
	Avril		1911.	1667.	3578.	5.	21.	26.	32.	153.	37.
Irene											
	Avril		2134.	1569.	3703.	a 14.	a 35.	49.	79.	270.	161.
	Mai		b 2364.	b 1738.	c 4102.	19.	49.	68.	98.	331.	200.
	Juin		b 2593.	b 2007.	e 4500.	a 38.	a 97.	e 135.	177.	533.	366.
Johannesburg.											
	Avril		1705.	1465.	3170.	9.	82.	91.	62.	681.	349.
1-27. Mai			b 1770.	b 1515.	c 3285.	12.	67.	79.	94.	598.	325.
Tous les 12											
camps du											
Transvaal											
	Avril		11098.	12714.	23812.	69.	171.	240.	75.	161.	122.
	Mai		b 15300.	b 24700.	f 38000.	95.	f 240.	f 335.	71.	118.	108.

Les chiffres sans indication sont pris du rapport officiel du mois

Avril, ou rapportés dans la Gazette Officielle.

a, dans la proportion du mois de Mai.

b) " " " " " Avril.

c) Moyenne entre le nombre du mois d' Avril & du 9. Juillet.

d) dans la proportion de Volksrust.

e) indiqué par une infirmière en service à Irene.

f) " " le Gouverneur Militaire.

Causes des décès aux camps des reconcentrés Boers d'après les Gazettes officielles jusqu' au No. 71 - 10 Juillet 1901.

Maladies	Nombre des Décès	Maladies	Nombre des Décès
Rougeole	123	Puerperale et affec- tions congen.	5
Pneumonie & inflamma- tion des poumons	50	Rougeole & pneumonie	4
Diarrhoe	45	Menningite	4
Fièvre enterique	35	Diphtherie	4
Marasme (enfants)	33	Marasme & rougeole	4
Dysenterie	29	Nephrite	6
Bronchite	27	Rougeole & diarrhoe	3
Débilité	21	Rougeole & disenterie.	3
Fièvre & malarie	18	Inanition	3
Gastroenterite	15	Tabes mesenterique	3
Convulsions	15	Faiblesse	2
Rougeole & bronchite.	14	Faiblesse du coeur &	
Typhoide	14	Bright disease	4
Vieillesse	13	Nephrite & débilité,	
Maladies du coeur	12	dentition, astme, in-	
Croup	11	fluenza	8
Astenie	11	Diverses	23
Gastralgie & gastro		Non classifiées	57
enterite	10		
Rougeole & débilité	11	TOTAL	641

Rougeole simple et compliquée - - - - -	149	cas	23%
Maladies des organes respiratoires - - - - -	106	"	17%
Maladies de l'appareil gastro-intestinal - - -	105	"	17%
Fièvres diverses - - - - -	67	"	10%
Débilité, astenie, marasme - - - - -	75	"	12%
Convulsions - - - - -	15	"	2%
Vieillesse - - - - -	13	"	2%
Maladies du coeur - - - - -	12	"	2%
Non classifiées - - - - -	57	"	9%
Diverses - - - - -	42	"	6%
Total	641	cas	100

Tableau nécrologique et nosologique des Boers concentrés dans les
Camps anglais du Transvaal au mois d' Avril 1901.

Noms des Camps	Nombre des Concentrés				Nombre des Malades au 30 Avril				Morts. du- rant. le mois.
	Hom- mes	Fem- mes	En- fants.	Total. ---	Hom- mes	Fem- mes	En- fants.	Total. ---	
Barberton	58.	151.	236.	445.	6.	26.	27.	59.	4.
Middleburg	191.	475.	626.	1292.	29.	46.	55.	130.	9.
Irene	892.	1242.	1569.	3703.	51.	85.	181.	317.	49.
Johannesburg	505.	1200.	1465.	3170.	3.	26.	110.	139.	90.
Potchefstroom.	322.	1255.	4147.	5724.	3.	30.	29.	62.	24.
Klerksdorp	120.	350.	521.	991.	.	7.	12.	19.	2.
Krugersdorp	234.	381.	473.	1088.	.	.	2.	2.	0.
Vereeniging	175.	312.	346.	733.	5.	8.	11.	24.	5.
Heidelberg	377.	327.	432.	1086.	13.	21.	32.	66.	2.
Standerton	271.	313.	653.	1237.	10.	17.	20.	47.	35.
Volksrust	452.	1459.	1667.	3578.	14.	19.	33.	66.	26.
Mafeking	96.	140.	529.	765.	12.	26.	44.	82.	4.
Totals	3593.	7505.	12714.	23812.	146.	311.	556.	1013.	240.

Ce tableau est pris d'un rapport officiel du Superintendant des Camps
des concentrés Boers.

Tableau de la mortalité des Boers concentrés aux camps de Bloemfontein
et Kronstad de l'Orange, d'après les dates de la Gazette officielle.

	Nombre des morts				Cause des morts				
	Hom-	Fem-.)	En-	To-	Maladies.	Pneumon-	Typhoïde.	Débi-	Hor-
CAMPS	mes	mes	fants.	tal	infectu-	nie et	Dysente-	lité	mes
			(@		euses	maladies.	rie,	Diar.	séri-
						du coeur,	rhoe,	etc.	le
Bloemfontein.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
du 2. Avril .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
au 2. Juillet.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1901	33	80	198	311.	101	99	107	4	309
Kronstad du .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
du 1. Avril au .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
au 1. Mai 1901..	8	8	41	57	15	16	24	2	100
Kronstad du .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
du 1. Mai au .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
au 1. Juin 1901.	9	12	26	47	18	14	15	0	55

Nombre des Concentrés au 1. Juin: Bloemfontein 4539, Kronstad 2638.

(@ Enfants au dessous de 8 ans.

la grande différence de température entre le jour et la nuit;

la protection inefficace contre le froid qu'offrent les tentes à la population saine des camps et à plus forte raison aux malades;

le manque de vêtements et de couvertures;

l'insuffisance des installations pour les malades et des pharmacies;

l'insuffisance du personnel médical et hospitalier dans les camps.

IV. En raison de la gravité de la question qui lui a été soumise, le comité a dressé le présent rapport dont copie sera remise à chaque membre du Corps consulaire.

signé:

D. Cinatti

S. Pitner

Baron Ostmann

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 30, 1901

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Sept

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt
of your two despatches of June 14th. re T. Steen-
huisen and Mrs M. F. Walsh respectively.

File

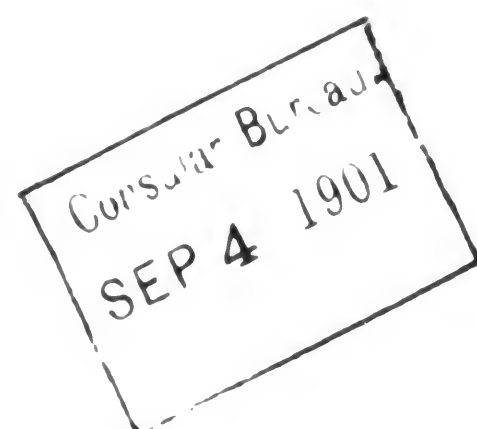
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.



Consul



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Consulate of the United States

Pretoria July 30, 1901.

Sept

Hon. Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State

Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Inform Willis

*Copy with
one enc to
W P Willis
Sep 5 1901*

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of
despatch No 119 June 13th. re remittance for J.D.
Willis and to enclose the gentleman's receipt in
duplicate, with a statement of the account noted
on each receipt.

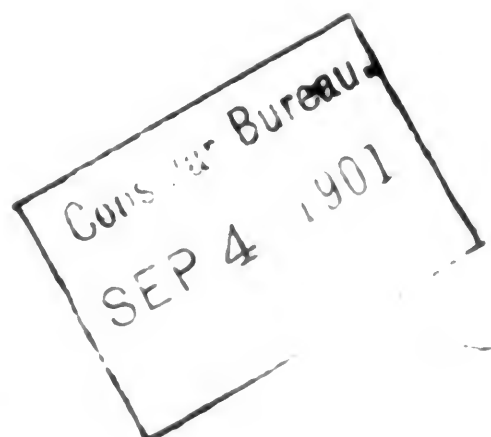
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm J. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.



CONSULAR SERVICE U S A

U. S. Consular Agency,

Johannesburg.

July 27th, 1901.



Original

Received this date from W. D. Gordon, U. S. Consular Agent in Johannesburg, the sum of Ninety two pounds eighteen shillings and sixpence, being the equivalent in the local currency of Four hundred and fifty two dollars, twenty three cents at 4.8665, in settlement of balance due me of amount deposited with the State Department, by W. P. Willis for my account, as per statement hereunder.

...*J. P. Willis*...

Johannesburg,

July 27th, 1901.

(Statement referred to above:

By Credit with State Dept,	510.00
" Exchange,	1.69
Draft sold to Bank of Africa at 4.85.	
To Cable sent from Pretoria by A. S. Hay,	21.18
" Bank Charges on Draft in Johannesburg,	5.36
" Cash herewith \$92.18.6.	452.23
" Cable sent from Washington,	32.92
	<hr/> 511.69 511.69.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 6, 1901.

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Mr. David J. Hill

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Citizenship regulations

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 6, 1901.

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Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No 112 re the citizenship of Benjamin Franklin.

Since making the application Mr Franklin has not called at the Consulate but should he make his appearance your instructions shall be followed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

Handwritten:
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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 6, 1901.

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Mr. Thos. M. Cridler,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Claim Chas. B. Nelken

Handwritten:
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Ri. Br.
Sept 12

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Because Mr Nelken an American citizen became
a beligerent at his own volition the Agent at Joh-
annesburg could not secure his release from jail.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 6, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No 118 re a claim against Great Britain.

I beg to state that Americans were not compelled to join the Boer forces and that Mr Nelken's predicament is owing entirely to his having taken up arms.

After having been placed in the fort he communicated with your agent in Johannesburg who secured permission for Mr Nelken to dispose of his ~~horses~~ and vehicles but as he had joined one of the belligerent armies in direct violation of a notification of the U.S. Government through your Consul who issued a warning at the commencement of hostilities "that all American subjects should remain neutral", your Agent could do no more for him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm D Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 6, 1901.

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Mr. Thos W. Cridler

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Expulsion of W. Phillips

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Pr. Br.
Sept. 12

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 6, 1901.

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No 105 re, the expulsion of W. Phelps, I have the honour to state that this gentleman was arrested on the night of July 13th at the time a plot against the British Military authorities was supposed to be on.

Mr Phelps arrest was reported to me by a lady with whom he was boarding, this lady called about 11 a.m. and as I had an engagement with the Military Commissioner of Police at 12 m. I told her to call again at 2 p.m. when I would inform her what could be done in the matter. The lady did not call again and as several were released during the afternoon I came to the conclusion that Phelps was among them. However the lady called two days later and said she was tired and therefore did not come back when she promised, Mr Phelps had been deported during the ^{interim} ~~time~~.

I can learn of no act of Mr Phelps that was inconsistent with his neutrality nor can I learn at this date whether he was or was not willing to leave Johannesburg.

This is a case wherein I would have been glad to have guaranteed the future conduct of the gentleman and thus secured his release but for the unfortunate accident above related.

I have the honour to be

W. J. Gordon
Acting Consul

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 6, 1901.

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Mr. Thos. W. Cridler,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Expulsion of John Joseph Maloney

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug.6,1901.

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatches Nos 105 & 113 dated March 27th and April 23rd respectively, I have the honour to state re John Joseph Maloney that he was arrested early in July 1900 at a time when a plot against the Military authorities was supposed to be in process of consummation.

The arrest was reported to your agent in Johannesburg by the Military Commissioner of Police but a guarantee of future behavior was asked on behalf of Mr Maloney, before a release could be secured and your agent declining to give this guarantee Mr Maloney was put over the border.

This course was taken because it was not considered that the character of Mr Maloney was such that one could be justified in giving the guarantee.

The statement made in the memorandum from the British Foreign Office to Mr Choate is correct and in addition would say that Mr Maloney was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment on a charge of drunkenness on a similar charge shortly before the British occupation of Johannesburg.

I know of no act of Mr Maloney's which would have questioned his neutrality, nor have I ever heard that he was willing or unwilling to leave Johannesburg.

Wm. J. Gordon
Act. Notary

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug 6, 1901.

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Mr. Thos W. Fridler.

To the Department of State.

*408. Br.
Sept 12*

Subject:

Expulsion of Lincoln W. Wedekind

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 6, 1901.

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No 105 dated March 27,
re the expulsion of Lincoln W. Wedeking I have the
honour to state that Lincoln W. Wedekind never re-
ported himself to either this Consulate or the
Johannesburg Agency as a citizen of the United States
but I find that he is registered at the Swiss Con-
sulate as a citizen of that Republic.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm D. Gordan

Acting United States Consul

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 13, 1901.

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Mr. Thos. W. Cridler,

To the Department of State.

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Subject:

Death of William Johnson.

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Consulate of the United States,
Pretoria Aug. 13, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No 117 dated June 5th re the report on death of William Johnson.

I regret that the report was not in order.
Enclosed please find report on form No 192 in duplicate.

Am sorry that dispatches have not left this office in proper order, this will be remedied in the future.

I enclose letter for the Commissioner of the Pension Office which I would be glad to have forwarded.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting United States Consul.

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of
have

*(not seen in Circular
D. previously forwarded
from Index D.)*

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

April 30th 1901.

Name: William Johnson

Native or naturalized: not known

Date of death: July 1st 1901

Place of death: Portoria

Cause of death: Dysentery

Disposition of remains: no information obtainable

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: no effects

Address of family: not known

Family notified: no

Accompanied by relatives: no

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

Book, pages

Remarks: This man died as prisoner of war at the Race Course Hospital Portoria, except that he stated that he was an American from New Orleans nothing further is known regarding him

[SEAL.]

Wm. J. Gordon.
Acting Consul of the United States.

(Form No. 192.)

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Ruelonia

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. _____ in despatch

No. _____

April 20th 1901, 1901.

(Form No. 192.)

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Puerto Rico

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. *3* *in* despatch

No.

April 30th, 190*6*

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BUREAU

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 20, 1901

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Mr. W.D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Expulsion of Charles Fowles.

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Consular Bureau
SEP 24 1901

I am, Sir

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 20, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch No 105 and 113 re the expulsion of Francisco Pudjunos I have the honor to state that I have found nothing contrary to the Confidential Memorandum, accompanying letter No 539 of the Ambassador at London.

Mr Pudjunos never reported himself as an American citizen at either this Consulate or at the Agency in Johannesburg.

When asked to guarantee Mr Pudjunos's behaviour your Agent refused as he did not consider the man to be an American citizen.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Acting United States Consul.

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No. 98

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept 10, 1901.

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Mr. W.D. Gordon (Acting U.S. Consul)
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Whereabouts of Harry Rubenstein.

Abstract of Contents.

*Copy to Hon
Wm McAlister
acked by form
Oct 16
1901*

*Ans
Nov 23
1901*



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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 10, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No 116 re the whereabouts of Harry Rubenstein and am sorry to say that I have been unable to locate the gentleman.

It is difficult to locate persons during the present condition of affairs out here, when the fullest information is given, and much more so when such meager details are transmitted as have been in this case.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. J. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 10, 1901.

Mr. Bureau



Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Letter from the Transvaal Administration re
rent for the Press, the property of the Goss
Printing Press Co of Chicago.

Abstract of Contents.

*Copy to the Goss
Printing Press Co
Acknowledged
Oct-18-1901*

*Accs
Oct-28
1901*

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 10, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter received from the Transvaal Administration re rent for the Press, the property of the Goss Printing Press Co., of Chicago, which is being used by the government for printing the Johannesburg Gazette.

This is the result of over twenty two months of correspondence and interviews.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Ford

Acting United States Consul

(Copy)

Office of Secretary of the Transvaal Administration.

No.4136

Pretoria 29th. August 1901.

Sir:-

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the Goss Printing Machine at present utilized in the publication of the Johannesburg Gazette, and in regard to your letter of the 2nd. ulto. forwarding copy of Contract entered into on February 3rd 1899 between the Goss Printing Press Co. of Chicago and Mendelssohn & Bruce of Johannesburg and also copy of a letter addressed to Hon. John Hay, Secretary of State, U.S.A. by the former Company on the subject, I have the honor to inform you that this Administration is agreeable to pay a sum of Twenty Pounds (£20) per mensem for the use of the machine in question.

In making you this offer I am to point out that the machine is not being used by the Government to anything like the full extent of its commercial value. The Gazette is produced by the Government not for profit, but primarily to provide a means of making public announcements relating to Civil and Military business, and for other public purposes.

The Press is in use for about 20 minutes a day only and for such use the rent offered appears to be fair compensation.

I am further to inform you that the Administration is not in any way concerned with any claims which Messrs. Goss & Co. may have against Messrs. Mendelssohn & Bruce.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) E.H.L. Gorges

for Secretary to the Transvaal Administration

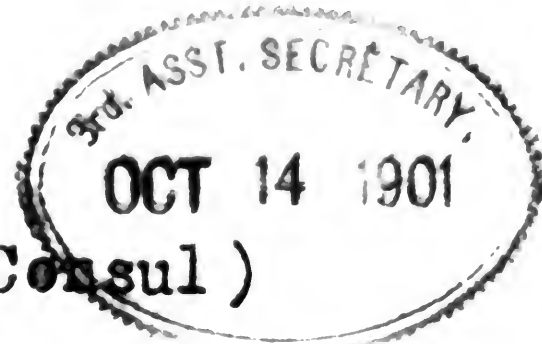
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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 10, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

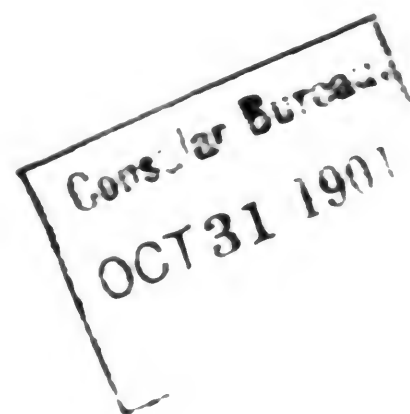
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Letter from Mr Draper re land for Burgher families in The United States.

*Ack'd by
form
Nov 1
1901*

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 10, 1901

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler.

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from Mr David Draper re land for Burgher families which is self explanatory. I would be glad to have an answer as soon as possible, in fact I may be obliged to cable you for the desired information.

I am personally acquainted with Mr Draper and a few of the Burghers who contemplate this move. They are an honest, sober and thrifty lot of people and would be an accession to the citizens of any country.

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant.

Wm. J. G. Gind...
Acting United States Consul

(Copy)

Johannesburg

Sept. 4th. 1901.

To the

United States Consul

Pretoria.

Dear Sir:-

It is the intention of certain Byrgers of the South African Republic, and the Orange Free State, to migrate to the United States, as an alternative to their being compelled to take the Oath of Allegiance to the British Crown, and they have requested me to approach the United States Government, through you, in order to ascertain whether land, suitable for agriculture or stock raising, can be obtained on reasonable terms and if so in what States in particular.

As a first instalment, about fifty families consisting of about 250 souls would be prepared to leave here, so soon as the land proposed for settlement, had been inspected by their delegates.

These would all be Burgers of the Republics: sober steady men, accustomed to pioneering new countries, and who had been brought up to farming pursuits.

They would nor require any pecuniary aid, and would be in a position to purchase the ^{land} required; provided the terms of payment were reasonable. They would have sufficient cash in addition, to support themselves and their families for a couple of years.

At the same time they would esteem it a great favor if the U.S. Government could make arrangements for the reduction of Ocean fares and land transport to their destination in America.

Kindly place this matter before your Government.

Yours faithfully

(Signed) David Draper

Office of the
Third Assistant Secretary.

OCT 18

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is somewhat difficult to handle intelligently. We certainly can ~~make~~ no use of the State ~~means~~ that these people would "migrate to the U.S. as an alternative" to their being compelled "to take the oath of allegiance to the British Crown."

I know of no public lands for sale except those under the Homestead laws. There must be plenty of

Office of the
Third Assistant Secretary.

Unoccupied, surveyed and
unsurveyed ^{land,} in the various
States of the Union, suitable
for agriculture or
stock raising. But I fail
to see how properly to
bring this request to the
Authorities of the several
States without stirring
up some feeling—

You will recall that
about a year ago the
N.Y. World endeavored
to procure donations

Office of the
Third Assistant Secretary.

of public lands for such
people as tried to in-
volve the Department in
certain Geographic cor-
respondence at the time.
Nothing came of it
however.

Of course this Depart-
ment can take no active
steps to secure reduced
ocean fare -

Would you simply
explain all this in a
pleasant way to all?

Office of the
Third Assistant Secretary.

Gordon and let the
matter rest. I am dis-
posed to think no better
course can be pur-
sued at present
affairs
Weller

Consul
No.

Pretoria

Cons. Bureau.
As directed
inside Cridley

Consulate of the United States,

13 September, 1891 1901.

Mr. W. D. Gordon (Acting U. S. Consul)
P r e t o r i a.
To the Department of State.

3rd. ASST. SECRETARY
OCT 16 1901

Subject:

Broeksma Letters.

Consular Bureau
OCT 18 1901

Ans
Oct 9
1901

Abstract of Contents.

States that at the trial of one C. Broeksma for treason, etc., an imputation was made against W. D. Gordon of complicity, because an envelope was discovered on the premises of Broeksma, addressed "Chas. Brookes, Esq., c/o W D Gordon, Esq., American Consul". Protesting that W. D. Gordon is entirely innocent in the matter, and reporting action he intends to take at the close of the trial.

Office of the
Third Assistant Secretary



Dear Mr Secretary:

This may possibly in-
terest you.

Mr. Gordon's statement ap-
~~pears~~ clear, fair and rea-
sonable - He may know more
of the case than he writes,
but certainly the five quo-
ted lines in his first
paragraph do not look
to me as serious as he
seems to think. Whatever
Mr Gordon's inference may
be, his honor does not seem
to be impugned by any

Third Assistant Secretary.

Direct charge -

We might ask Kragi

The Dept. has read your
despatch with interest but
fails to find in the ques-
tioned lines any direct charge
against you or any state-
ment that might be re-
garded as reflecting upon
or impugning your honor.

The fact that sealed con-
fidential correspondence addressed to
third parties - the con-
tents of which you have

Office of the
Third Assistant Secretary.

No means of ascertaining -
may have reached them
through your office -
in which case it was
sent without your knowl-
edge or consent - Can-
not in any wise re-
fleet ~~you~~ upon or destroy
that neutrality you say
you have consistently
maintained throughout
the period of hostilities
in that quarter
The Department cordially

Third Assistant Secretary.

Approves your action in
declining to permit Mr.
Broekma to have his
correspondence pass through
your Consulate —
Corder

Approved.

J. H.

No.

Consulate of the United States,
Pretoria (Transvaal).

13 September, 1901. ~~x189~~ .

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

3rd Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report as follows:
In a certain case, now sub judice - The Crown
vs C. Broeksma, in which the prisoner is charged
with Breaking Oath of Neutrality, Treachery,
High Treason, Etc., the Crown Prosecutor in the
course of his address made the following state-
ment: " Various other documents were discovered,
including a scrap of an envelope addressed to
Charles Brookes, Esq., care W. D. Gordon, Esq.
American Consul, which had contained a letter
apparently written by Dr Krause to prisoner."

The facts are that since the outbreak
of hostilities, probably 20,000 letters have
passed through this office. During the Boer
occupation I was empowered to censor all letters
passing me, which I did. Since the British
have been in control, this censorship has not
been allowed, and as the Post Office Authorities
rarely censor a letter sent in care of this
office, and as I have no authority to open the
mail of others, it is possible the letter may
have gone through without anyone knowing the
contents.

contents. Had I the right to censor, no political or war news to the slightest degree would have been allowed through. We have in the outer office of the consulate a set of pigeon-holes. All letters sent in care of the office are placed alphabetically in the case, which is in such a position that persons can help themselves; hence Mr Broeksma may have received a letter for Mr Brookes. In the evidence it was stated that Broeksma had directed Krause to address all letters for him to care of the American Consul. This was done entirely without my knowledge or consent. I was once approached by Broeksma to allow his correspondence to pass through the office, and having absolutely refused to listen to such a proposal, I had to order the man from the office.

The Crown Prosecutor makes no direct charge, but insinuates a great deal. This I believe to have been entirely unnecessary, and as soon as the case is disposed of, I intend to demand a retraction. I believe the authorities to have been very discourteous to the office, and entirely wanting in respect. I have remained absolutely neutral throughout hostilities, bearing in mind that I represented but one Government, at the same time I have done everything possible to ameliorate the conditions of people on both sides, where no political motive could be ascribed.

Probably before the next mail I will cable you. This is the first time my honor has been impugned, and I feel it keenly.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D Gordon

Acting U. S. Consul.

No. 102

*As Bureau
Mr. Mather*

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 18, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul.)

To the Department of State.

*Acknowledged
October 24 1901*
Subject:



Resignation of U.S. Consular Agent at Bloemfontein

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 18, 1901

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler.

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you ~~at~~ that Mr Alfred Elliott, Agent at Bloemfontein has resigned owing to his leaving the country.

As I have been anticipating the arrival of a regular appointee for this ^(Pretoria) office I have refrained from making any selection for a successor to Mr Elliott. I will do nothing in the matter until I hear from you and would be glad of an answer at your early convenience.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 24, 1901

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Mr. William D. Gordon. (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

CONSULAR BUREAU.
NOTED.

Subject:

Report death of Wm. Spence.

~~Old File~~

Ack'd by Bureau
Oct. 31, 1901.

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Consular Bureau.
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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 24, 1901.

Honorable Thos. W. Bridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith Report
of Death of William Spence in duplicate.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. J. Ford

Acting United States Consul

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Pretoria, September 24th 1901.

Name: William Spence

Native or naturalized: Native

Date of death: July 18th 1901

Place of death: Johannesburg

Cause of death: Consumption

Disposition of remains: Buried Johannesburg Cemetery

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: Wife has them

Address of family: 11 End St. Johannesburg

Family notified: —

Accompanied by relatives: Wife and one child

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

Book, pages —

Remarks: —

Also data from the ...

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CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

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Prateria

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. in despatch

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CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

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Antonia

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. in despatch

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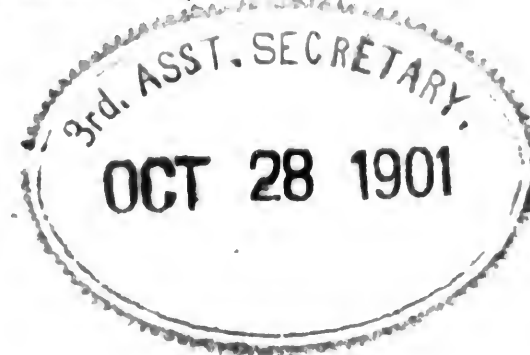
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Consulate of the United States,
Pretoria Sept. 24, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon. (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.



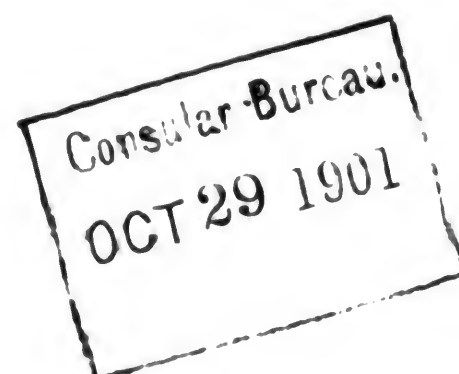
Subject:

Payment of postage on Consular Mail.

Del.

*ackd by form
Oct. 31, 1901.*

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No. 104

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 24, 1901.

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a letter received from the Postmaster General re the payment of postage on Consular Mail after Sept. 30th. 1901.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

(Copy)

No440I

Johannesburg

16 September 1901.

Sir:-

My attention has been called to the fact that Consuls in the Transvaal are sending letters through the post without payment of postage, in accordance, I understand, with a special privilege which was granted to them by the Government of the late South African Republic. I have the honor to inform you that this exceptional privilege cannot be continued under the new Administration, and I beg that you will have the goodness to give directions that postage at ordinary rates upon the correspondence of your Consulate, except such as may be addressed to the head of a Public Department in the Transvaal in his official capacity, shall in future be prepaid in Postage Stamps of the Colony in the ordinary way.

To prevent inconvenience I have given directions that correspondence from the Consulate which has hitherto gone free shall not be surcharged before the end of the present month.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) W.G. Hamilton

Postmaster General.

To the American Consul

P.O.Box 952

Pretoria.

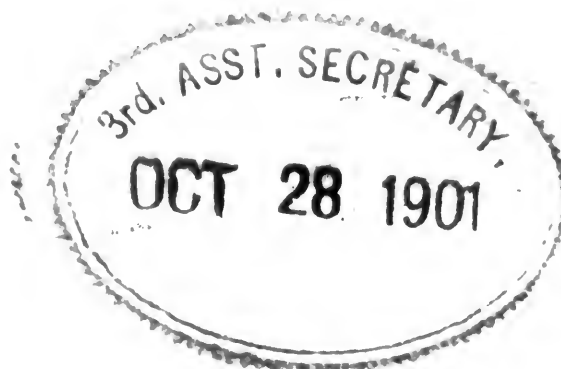
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Pretoria Sept. 24, 1901

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1901

Mr. William D. Gordon. (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.



Subject:

Intended resignation of Consular Agent at
Johannesburg.

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No. 105

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept. 24, 1901.

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am writing this letter to you and should the contents not apply to your department I would be very thankful if you will kindly hand to the proper official.

About three months ago it was reported in the Colonial papers that a Consul had been appointed to Pretoria and in anticipation of his arrival I have refrained from writing to the Department, but from the last list of Consular Officers received, (e. i. Aug. 31st. last,) I note that the report is untrue.

As it is my present intention to leave this country in the event of its becoming a Colony of Great Britain I desire to place in your hands my resignation as Consular Agent, to take effect as soon after you are notified of the annexation as possible. It is likely that the Capital of the country may be moved to Johannesburg in that event; therefore the necessity of a Consular Agency will be nullified, because with a consulate in Johannesburg all business for the district could be handled from that point. Almost all Americans live in or near Johannesburg besides it is the business center for the whole of South Africa.

To the present time Lord Milner has made Johannesburg his headquarters. The South African Contabulary headquarters are there and the Post Master

General and Minister of Mines have moved from Pretoria to Johannesburg.

On June 18th. in Despatch No 77 I wrote on this subject but to the present, no reply has been received. If it is possible to make an appointment under present conditions I hope the Department will make one to this office as soon as possible as the position is very irksome to me. I have not been away from here for six years, and the worries of the past two years have nearly worn me out.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. Jackson
Acting United States Consul.

No. 106

Consulate of the United States,
Pretoria Oct. 1, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Estate of late Morris William Goodman.

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RECEIVED
NOV 1 1901

✓ Copy to Mrs
Luc Goodman
Acted by for
Nov 6 1901

Consular Bureau
NOV 5 1901

No. 106

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct, 1. 1901 , 190

Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No 121 re the estate of the late Morris William Goodman and beg to report that the effects are in my hands as Curator Bonus by appointment of the Court. The merchandise has been sold at public auction and a distribution will be made as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. G. Gordon
Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct, 8, 1901. , 189 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

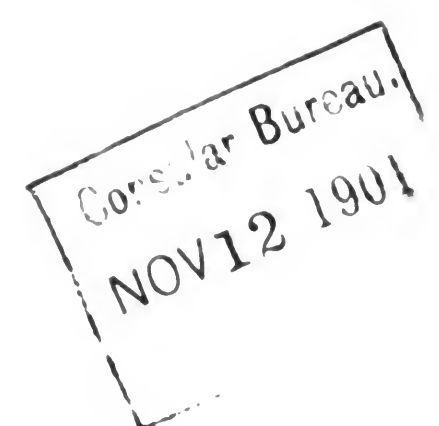
Subject:

Broeksma letters

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ackd at Pretoria

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Dec 9, 1901,*



No. 107

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct, 8, 1901. , 190

Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No 120 re a certain letter sent to Consul Liston at Rotterdam.

I beg to state that the incident came about as follows. About April 1st. Mr Broeksma asked if I could send a letter for him to The Hague, I answered not to The Hague but as I was sending a Power of Attorney to Dr Lorentz C/O the American Consul at Rotterdam (this letter was open) I would send his at the same time next week. When he brought the letter I noticed it was sealed. I told him this was not customary, but he stated that the envelope contained only some private papers. I asked if these papers had any political references and upon his assuring me they did not I sent the letter as I considered him a gentleman, he having been one of the Public Prosecutors prior to the war and a man of good standing in the community.

I sent the letter and had no more idea that the letter addressed to W. J. Williamson was meant for Dr Leyds than "the man in the moon", and the first intimation I had of this, was when I received Consul Liston's letter returning that addressed to Williamson. My letter written immediately upon receipt of his shows my feelings in the matter. (This let-

ter was written from Johannesburg and I have no copy with me, but will send under separate cover).

I returned the letter to Mr Broeksma and told him I would have nothing further to do with his correspondence. About a month after this, he wanted me to send another letter and I told him as he had deceived me once I would have nothing more to do with ^{him} or his letters and practically ordered him out of the office.

I may say that this affair is in connection with the trial of Broeksma which I wrote you in regard to, under date of Sept. 13th. I have taken the subject up with the authorities but not having received an answer will not write you ~~on~~ the whole case until next mail. The letter of Sept. 13th. was dictated just a few minutes before the mail left and while I was labouring under considerable excitement and the subject of this letter was overlooked.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm D Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

No. 108

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 15, 1901

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Nelson remittance

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To H. A. Nelson
Dec 4, 1901

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No trace in this office or at the Telegraph
Department.



No. 108



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 15, 1901

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Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch No 122 under date July 16th. re the Nelson remittance.

I beg to report that no record of the transaction can be found in this office and a search at the telegraph Department fails to locate any remittance, as shown by a letter received from the Telegraph Master, copy of same being enclosed herewith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm. J. Brown".

Acting United States Consul.

(Copy)

Telegraphs Masters Office

Pretoria Oct, 11, 1901.

To

His Excellency The American Consul.

Pretoria.

Sir:-

In reply to the verbal request of your secretary, to know if any message was handed in on or about October 10th 1900, addressed to the "American Consul Hamburg", or "H.A. Nelson"

I have the honour to inform you that there is no trace in our records of any such message during the month of Oct. 1900.

I have the honor to be,

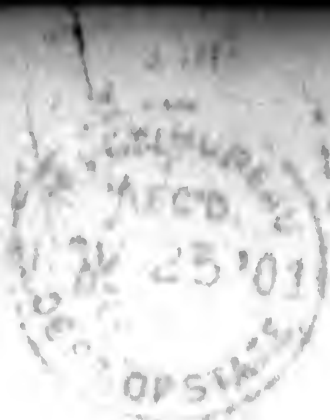
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) Taylor Fox

Telegraph Master

No. 109



File

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 22, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Deportation of John Anderson.

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No. 109



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 22, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No 105 re the deportation of John Anderson I have the honor to state that I find it impossible to get any data re this party.

I cannot ascertain whether he was implicated in the supposed plot or not, nor whether he ever acted in any manner inconsistent with the duties of neutrality.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,

Acting United States Consul.

No. 110



File

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 22, 1901. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Deportation of N.M. Marner

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No. 110



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 22, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No 105 re N.M. ^{Manner}~~Manner~~stein, I have the honor to state that the gentleman never reported himself to either this office nor to the Agency in Johannesburg nor did he apparently give his name as an American Citizen when arrested, as this name was not included in the list sent to the office of the Commissioner of Police on the day following the arrest.

I can get no data re his actions.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 22, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul) Pretoria

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Deportation of Frank Cruz.

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No. III

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 22, 1901. , 190

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No 105 re the deportation of Frank Cruz, I have the honor to state that I have not been able to learn that Mr Cruz had taken any part in the alleged plot.

I can locate no action of his that would be construed as inconsistent with his neutrality except that he assisted in the building of a balloon at the Robinson Mine which was to be used for observation purposes by the S.A.R. Government. The balloon was burned on the construction ground and never ~~was~~ used as intended.

I do not know whether Mr Cruz desired to remain in South Africa or not.

My reason for not guaranteeing his future behavior was because I considered him an in temperate man, he having come to the Consulate in an inebriated condition more than once.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

[Signature]
Acting United States Consul.

No. 112

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re deportation from South Africa of B. Lyon.

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No 112

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct, 29. 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

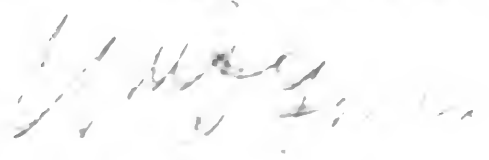
Referring to despatch No 105 under date of March 27th. re B. Lyon I have the honor to report that I have not been able to get any data re this gentleman. I do not find that he ever reported himself to either this office nor the Johannesburg Agency and no guaranty of future good conduct was given.

If in any instance of deportation, where a complete report has not been given by this office, some data re friends, relations etc. be sent, so as to enable the Johannesburg office to locate the party more closely, this office will be glad to have it and report further.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Acting United States Consul.

No. 113



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re deportation of G. Sharpe from South Africa

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No 105 under date of March 27th. re G. Sharpe~~x~~ I have the honor to report that I have not been able to get any data re this gentleman. He never reported himself to either this office nor to the Johannesburg Agency and no guaranty of future good behaviour was given.

As whole districts have been moved by the military authorities it is quite impossible in some instances to get any data concerning individuals who left here a year or more ago

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting United States Consul.

No. II4

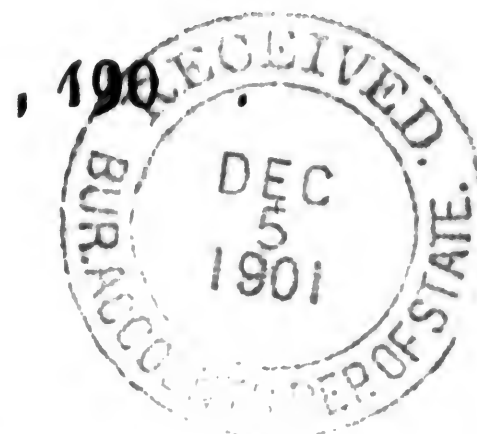


ASSISTANT SECRETARY,

DEC 5 1901

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901.



Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

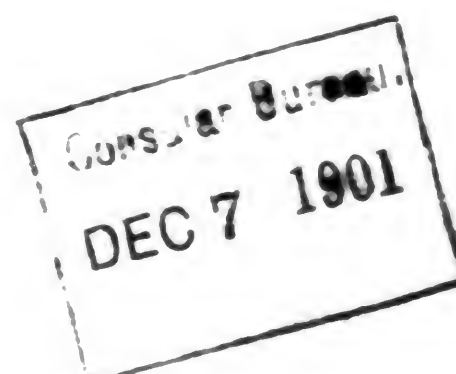
Subject:

Re nonissuance of passport to Isaac Louis Speelman.

Ans
Dec 90
1901

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Setting forth reasons for nonissuance



No. II4

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Again referring to despatch No II5 under d
date May 8th. re Passport for Isaac Louis Speelman,
I have the honor to state that same has not been
issued for the following reasons.

First:- He stated to me he was born in Cin-
cinnati and was prepared to make oath to same. His
brothers state his place of birth to be Syracuse
N.Y.

Second:- He can give no valid reason for hav-
ing continued away from the States for such a
large portion of his life.

Third:- He is not prepared to state that he
ever intends to return to the States, as he was
married in this country and has grown up children
also married here. His whole interest is in South
Africa as well as his family ties and in my opin-
ion he would never have been heard of as an Ameri-
can Citizen except for the trouble now existing
in this country. From what I can learn he has al-
ways been proud to call himself a cosmopolitan.

I shall be glad to know if the Department
sustains my views in this case.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul

No. 115



CONSULAR BUREAU.

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS.

Consulate of the United States,

Inform Auditor
H. M. D. E.

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901.

1901

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.



Subject:

Leave of absence.

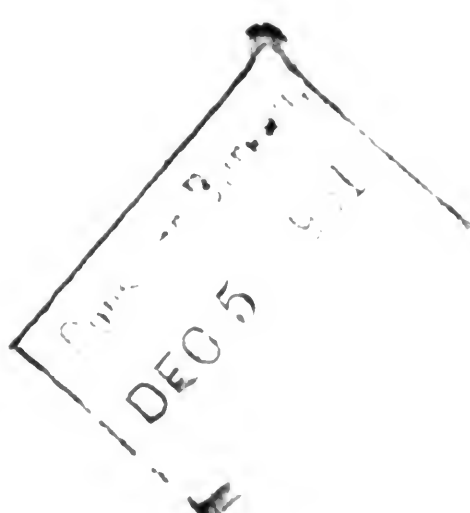
~~Acknowledges receipts of letters~~

~~Re change of mailing directions~~

Noted & to
Auditor Dec 6, 01.

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Arthur on leave and return to post reported.



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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901.

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Honorable Alvey A. Adee

Second

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Re leave of absence granted me on Aug. 19th. I have the honor to report as follows.

Departure, Saturday Aug. 24th 7-20am. address while on leave, C/O Bank of Africa Durban.

Return. Arrival Monday Sept. 2nd 2-20 p.m.

Total time away 9 days 7 hours.

As there is no Vice Consul here no arrangement was made other than my assistants both here and at Johannesburg were to wire me in the event of anything of importance arising:

I have the honor to be,

Sir ,

Your obedient servant.

Wm J. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

No. 116



CONSULAR BUREAU.
PLEASE REPORT.

H. H. Ditt

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901. , 1901 .

*Inform Consul
that went now
Josselin
H. H. Ditt*

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.



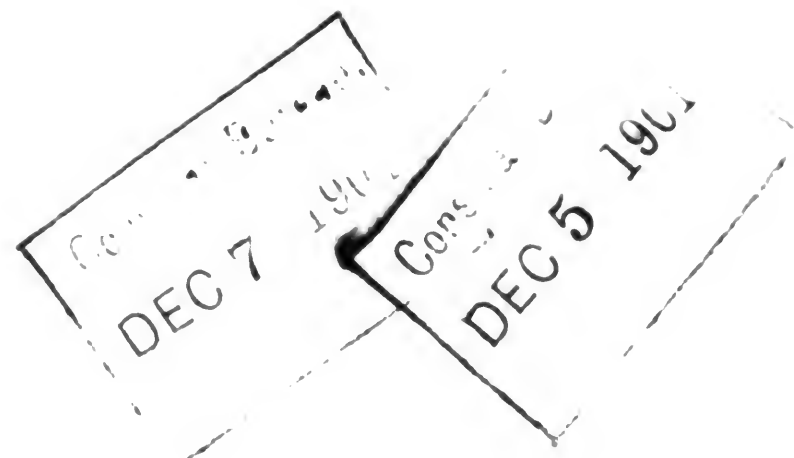
Subject:

~~Re leave of absence granted on Aug. 19, 1901.~~

*Ans
Dec 9 1901*

Repts. Instructions etc.

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Honorable Alvey A. Adee,

Acting ~~Assistant~~ Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the following despatches covered by four envelopes from the Lourenco Marques Consulate. Aug. 12th, No. 123 Aug. 15th., Aug. 15th., Aug. 20th., No. 124 Aug. 21st., Aug. 26th., and Aug. 28th., (2). All of which will receive prompt attention and be replied to as the data is received.

You will notice that it requires a space of time ^{of} from 62 to 78 days for written communications to reach this office from Washington as at present sent, while ordinary mail rarely requires more than 35 days. Would it not be advisable to mail to this office direct?

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant.

Wm D Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

Consular Bureau.

MEMORANDUM Consular Bureau.

DEC 6 1901

M. H. Peirce

This question was brought up last month by a despatch from Hon. Co. Marquez, and since November 15, 1901, we have been sending mail direct to both Victoria and Hon. Co. Marquez. *M. H.*

CONSULAR BUREAU
NOTED.



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No. 117

NOTE & FILE.

H. H. D. Finner

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901

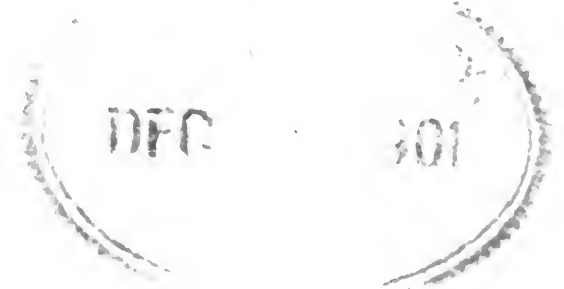
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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

*Arch'd by form
Dec. 16, 1901.*

Subject:



Re death of Thomas Naughton.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29. 1901

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Honorable Alvey A. Adee,

Acting ~~Assistant~~ Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch No 124 under date Aug. 21st. re the death of Thomas Naughton and beg to enclose herewith report in proper form, for which omission I beg your indulgence.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Gorman

Acting United States Consul.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Batavia 11/29 1901

Name: Thomas Naughton

Native or naturalized: not known

Date of death: June 28th 1901 Oct 1st 1902

Place of death: Bliss Rivier

Cause of death: Fever

Disposition of remains: not known

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: not known

Address of family: not known

Family notified: no

Accompanied by relatives: not known

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

Book, pages

Remarks: This information given to me by the Identification Department of the Red Cross Society on June 28th 1901. The Secretary states the data came to him from the Zoutpansburg Watcher under date Nov. 16th 1900. Record was made by me.

[SEAL]

Consul of the United States

(FORM No. 192.)

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. _____ in despatch

No. _____

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No. II8



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901

CONSULAR BUREAU.

*Acknowledges & informs
Consul that Dept knows
of no permit process
to supply Lt. Col*

*Davis to reply to
his letters*

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

W.D.G.

To the Department of State.



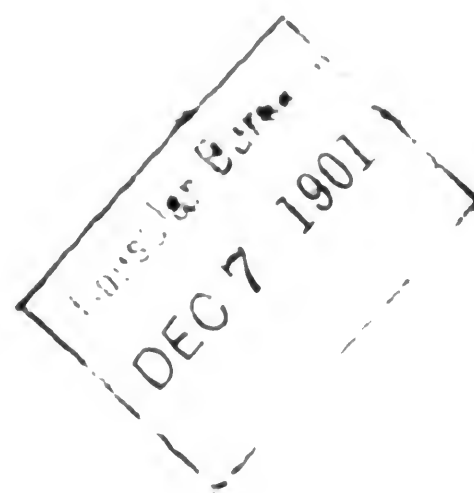
Subject:

Broeksma letters

*Ans
Dec 9
1901*

Abstract of Contents.

Information concerning letter sent Lt. Col. Davis
and general status of Consuls under conditions now
existing in this country.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Oct. 29, 1901. , 190

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Following the despatch written you on Sept. 16th which was sent from Johannesburg and hence without number, I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a letter written to Lt. Col. Davis, Acting Commissioner of Police, also copy of the Johannesburg Gazette of Sept 12, 1901. and copy of letter written Consul Liston on July 19th. 1901 which is referred to in my despatch No 107 under date of Oct. 8th.

The letter written Col. Davis has been ignored, I called on that gentleman once, regarding an answer. He informed me that my communication had been sent to Lord Kitchener and he understood it had been sent by Lord Kitchener to Lord Milner, since which time I have heard nothing and as it is now 47 days since the letter was placed in Col. Davis hands I think it time the subject should be taken up in some other way, because I am absolutely innocent of any complicity in the matter and wish to be put right.

There is a disposition among the officials to only recognise foreign consuls "by courtesy". This makes our position an anomalous one and most difficult to fill under existing conditions.

Martial Law brings in its train many troubles for the civilian, particularly the "foreigner" and we are called on to intervene very frequently. The officials resent this interference and therefore apparently would be glad to get rid of the consular body, they do not say so directly but from the fact that they are continually trying to enmesh us and besmirch the office leaves it impossible to come to any other decision. This feeling seemed to ^{have} emanated from the time when the consular body secured a reversal of the order to starve out all foreigners.

When I asked Col Davis (whose office is responsible) why he did not send word that it appeared as though my office was implicated, he said that the affair was street talk and he thought I would hear of it and call on him.

I may say that the officials have acted in an equally dispicable manner with the French Consul General also the Consul General for The Netherlands.

I leave this matter in the hands of the Department for whatever action they may consider best.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



Acting United States Consul.

U. S. Consular Agency,

Johannesburg.

16 September, 1901.

Copy
Lt. Col. Francis Davies,

(Acting Com. of Police)

Johannesburg.

Sir:-

Confirming our conversation of this morning re the references made to this office and myself in the case of the Crown vs C. Broekema, I beg to state that I sent a letter to Soren Lister, U. S. Consul, Rotterdam, on April 4th, 1901, containing two letters; one for Mr Theo. Lorentz covering a Power of Attorney, which I saw, and a letter given me by C. Broekema for W. J. Williamson, the contents of which I did not see: Mr Broekema, however, assured me that it contained only private papers for a friend of his, and that they did not refer to politics. On July 1st I received a letter from Mr Lister, saying that he had not been able to deliver the letter to Mr Williamson, because the gentleman had not called. On July 12th I answered that the letter would be called for, and I would thank him to hold it. This was after I had seen Broekema. On July 15th I received another letter from Consul Lister, saying that the letter addressed to W. J. Williamson had been claimed by a representative of Dr Leyds; that he refused to deliver it to this representative, and thereupon returned the letter to me. On receipt of the letter I returned it to Broekema. On July 19th I replied to Consul Lister, ~~thanking~~ him for returning the "Williamson" letter, and stating that I was totally unaware that it contained political allusions.

Some time after this I was approached by Broekema with another

letter for despatch, but I told him that as I had been deceived by him once, I would have nothing to do with any of his mail, did not want him to come with any such request again. This is the last time that I was aware that I had handled any mail for Broekma, except that a letter came addressed to W. D. Gordon, Consul - or Consular Agent - a few days before I went to Durban, which was at 7.20. A.M. on Aug. 24th last. This letter contained clippings from London newspapers, and were wrapped in a paper marked "for Brooks". As I did not locate Mr Brooks in my mind, and, while there was nothing apparently seditious in the articles, their partisanship was too evident to suit me, I tore them up and threw them in my waste basket.

I never gave Mr Broekma any authority to ~~me~~ send mail in my care, and I never saw a letter come to my office addressed to him or Mr Brooks, nor did I know that any such mail had come through me. All letters sent in my care are put in an alphabetical pigeon-hole in the outside -or public room - of my office, and people invariably help themselves. I have probably had sent through ~~me since the~~ commencement of the war, upwards of 20,000 letters for other people, and of this number, probably more than half have been for British firms and individuals. During the Boer regime I was authorized by the Government to censor all letters coming through my office, which I did. Since the British occupation I have had no authority to do this, and as the Post-Office Censor does not see fit to open this mail, it comes through unobscured. Had I been given by the British authorities the same right of censorship as I had under the Government of the South African Republic, nothing would have passed my office without examination, and no political matter would have been allowed through.

You have seen the complete record in this case, and as I am absolutely innocent of any complicity in the matter, I desire that you write me a letter stating the facts, and thus relieve me of the stigma which ~~now attaches to my name~~ ^{+ this office} through the innuendoes

innuendoes passed and insinuations made, at various times through-
out the trial of C. Brooksma.

I have the honor to be,

Obediently yours,

U. S. Consular Agent.

Government Notices

Government Notice,
No. 103 of 1901.

OFFICES OF THE REGISTRAR OF DEEDS, PRETORIA AND COMMISSIONER OF MINES, JOHANNESBURG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from and after the date hereof all Documents and Powers executed within this Colony and intended for registration or recording must be presented to the Registrar of Deeds, Pretoria, and Commissioner of Mines, Johannesburg, must be printed or written.

H. TENNANT,
Secretary to the Law Department.
Legal Adviser's Office,
Pretoria, August 26th, 1961.

Government Notice,
No. 107 of 1901.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that J. H. Tennant, the Hon. Commissioner has been ordered to appoint **JAMES JOHNSON**, M. E. Esquire, a Justice of the Peace for the Area defined in Government Notice No. 60 of 1901 as his own Police District."

H. TENNANT
Secretary to the Law Department
Adviser's Office.

Government Notice,
No. 168 of 1901.
LIQUOR LAW.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for general information that Government Notice No. 168 of 1900, dated the 28th day of November, 1900, is hereby withdrawn.

H. TENNANT,
Secretary to the Law Department.

Legal Adviser's Office,
Pretoria, 2nd September, 1901.

Government Notice,
No. 199 of 1901.

EXTRADITION CONVENTION.—
AMERICA.

THE following copy of an Order of His Majesty the King in Council, dated 26th June, 1901, giving effect to a Supplemental Convention, between the United Kingdom and the United States of America for the extradition of Fugitive Criminals

H. TENNANT,
Secretary to the Law Department
and Adviser's Office.
Treasury, 1st December, 1901.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

Saint James's, 26th June, 1902.

**EXTRADITION CONVENTION--
AMERICA.**

That the Court at Saint James's, this
day of June, 1902.

PRESENT:

The King: Most Excellent Majesty.
Lord President.
Lord Privy Seal.
Duke of Norfolk.
Duke of Portland.

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Local Manager.

Notice to Mine Managers.

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ARCHITECT,
Mem. Soc. of Architects, London.

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Government Notices

No. 281 1901.

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NOTICE.

Importation of Foodstuffs.

THE Military Governor, being of opinion that, owing to the increased railway facilities, the time has arrived when food supplies for the civil population can again be distributed through the ordinary channels, he issues the following Notice of Intention, information and guidance of Merchants and Shopkeepers in Johannesburg:

1. Merchants desirous of importing foodstuffs, subject to the aforementioned conditions, are invited to register their names and lodge their indent, with the Official Officer named.
2. Only the articles enumerated in the schedule at foot hereof will be allowed to be imported at present.

ported shall be strictly in conformity with the authorised prices that may, from time to time, be published in the "Gazette." Such prices will be based on a calculation of, approximately, 17½ per cent. over cost landed in Johannesburg.

4. Permits for importation will only be granted to such firms and persons who hold licenses and have dealt previously in the lines they now desire to import.

such retail dealers must be prepared to enter into a bond of surety of £50,000 for the faithful performance of their duties.

6. The retailers of all proclamations are liable to forfeiture on the conviction of any retailer in any authorised Court, if they fail to comply with the provisions relating to the sales of foodstuffs.
7. The date for the opening of wholesale and retail stores for business will be fixed in the 'Gazette'. Until such date, the importation of foodstuffs for exportation under the conditions of this Proclamation, is prohibited.
8. It would avoid delay and greatly expedite the sale of goods imported by merchants would agree to all Customs being paid at the Coast, until such time as the new system is in full operation.
9. All merchants shall keep proper sufficient books of record of all their transactions. These shall be open to inspection at all times by the Government.
10. All indents for goods shall be drawn up in triplicate, giving items, and

10. The Importer, in detail, written legibly on one side of the paper only. Of these indentures one will, after approval, be returned to the importer, one will be retained as a record, and one will be sent direct to the Importer's agent at the Coast by the official hereinafter named. This last indenture shall produce to the Director of Customs, as his permit for exportation of the specified goods to the Transvaal.

12. Any merchant or tradesman failing to comply with any of these regulations will be debarred from further permission to import goods of any description, and will also be liable to punishment under Martial Law.

SCHEDULE:

Such articles as the following may be present be indented for:—Flour, Beans, meal, mealie meal, mealies, rice, sugar, salt, pepper, mustard, tea, cocoa, collie milk, limejuice, jams, cheese, biscuits.

Butter, pickles, sauces, farinaceous food, canned fish and meats.

Merchants will be duly notified at an early date of additions to the above list.

COLIN MACKENZIE, Col.,
Military Governor.

Johannesburg, 29th March, 1901.

Notice to Importers.

FOR the information of Merchants and
Traders desiring to import goods under
the conditions laid down in the Military
Governor's Notice No. 269 of 1901 it is
notified that Agents may be made out
of persons who import by Sea, or Land.

Special attention is called to Clause 4 following: No. 34. Exploration Buildings, in an envelope on the outside of which must be clearly written the name of the Importer and his agent, Coast Port, and tonnage. These must be handed in between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday; only in each week.

for any article which he has not imported regularly during the year before his declaration of war, will not be granted any further permit to import. The same penalty applies to any indent containing any article the importation of which has not been previously sanctioned by notification in the "Gazette."

It is notified with regard to Clause 3 of the same Notice that it is now optional for Merchants to pay Customs Duty at

As it is impracticable to frame a price list for goods other than foodstuffs or liquors, importers of soft goods, etc., are warned that all goods must be sold at a fair and reasonable rate of profit. Any infringement of this will lead to further permits being refused. Importers will be held responsible for their retail customers in terms of Clauses 5 and 6 of the same Notice. The public are requested to bring

A Notice will be posted on the board at the entrance of Expiration Buildings, detailing the classes of goods which may be imported for each week.

CHAS. E. STUART,
Assistant Director of Civil Supplies

Exploration Bulkings.
Johannesburg, June 3rd 1901.

Government Notice,
No. 3 of 1901.

IT is desired to get general information
about, in addition to Horses, Mares and
Carts, Vehicles, &c., property of His Majesty's Gov-
ernment.

property of His Majesty's Government, and no sale or private contract regarding such property will be recognized. The Public are hereby warned that any purchase or retain such property in their possession at their own risk and peril.

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U. S. Consular Agency,
Johannesburg.

19 July, 1901.

Soren Listoe, Esq.,
(U. S. Consul)
Rotterdam.

My dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of June 19th, enclosing a letter addressed to W. J. Williamson. I had no idea that there was any political connection with this letter, and I am very glad you have returned it to me.

Thanking you for the trouble taken,

I am, very truly yours,

(sgd) Wm. D. Gordon.

U. S. Consular Agent.

No. 120



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Nov. 4, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Whereabouts of John A. Doherty

*To William J. Doherty
Ackd by from
Dec 13
1901*

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Not able to locate him



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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Alvey A. Adey

Second Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No 123 under date of Aug. 15th. re the whereabouts of John A. Doherty and beg to report that his name does not appear as ever having been killed, wounded or a prisoner of war, whether he is with the Boer forces or not I am unable to say as no means of communication exists between this place and the South African Republic Commandoes in the field. *All means have been exhausted to locate him*

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D Gordon

Acting United States Consul

No. 121

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Nov. 12, 1901.

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledging draft, memorandum of American line
for Mrs Nora Mc Donough.

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Ack'd by form
to Messrs. Colman Brothers.
Dec. 18, 1901.

To Writer of letter

No. 121

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Nov. 12, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch No 126 under date of October 25th. re Mrs 8-7th
Nora Mc Donough with enclosures, Memorandum of American Line for \$189.50, Original and duplicate draft for £20, on Lazard Bros & Co. of London, also copy of letter from Messrs C^ohalan Bros.

The memorandum and draft will be handed Mrs Mc Donough at once.

This letter came to Pretoria direct, hence the time consumed was only 35 days, whereas it usually requires double this time or more, when sent via London and Lourenco Marques, recd

I am sure Mrs Mc Donough is badly in need of the funds therefore the direct delivery is a fortunate incident.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

No. 123

CONSULAR BUREAU.
PLEASE REPORT.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Nov. 26, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledging despatch re Harris Peter.



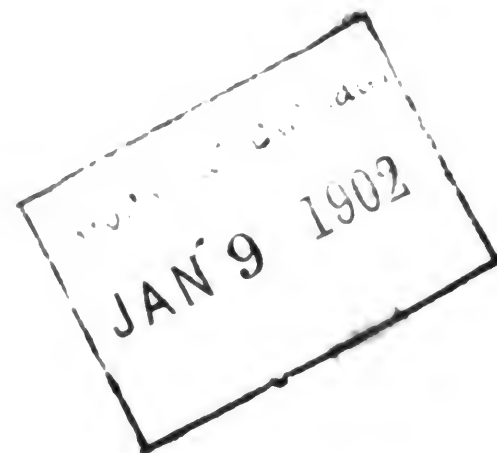
*Instantaneous
communication.*

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Name of gentleman does not appear on Register
at Consulate.

Investigation will be made.

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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Alvey A. Adey,

Acting Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatches of Sept. 4th. (2) and acknowledging receipt description of offices and the other ^{No. 125} re arrest and imprisonment of Harris Peter.

I do not find the name of this gentleman on the register either at this office nor does it appear at the Agency in Johannesburg, nor do I ever remember his having called in Johannesburg. I will institute an investigation and report as soon as possible,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

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FILE.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

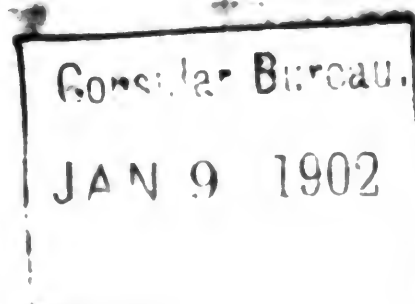
To the Department of State.

Subject:



Broeksma letters

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No. 124



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Nov. 26, 1901.

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Honorable Thos W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch No 128 of date Oct. 19th. re the Broeksma letter also your acknowledgement of my despatch No 99. These despatches have come through direct, therefore have reached this office in thirty six days.

I beg to express my appreciation for the remarks made in despatch No 128 re my connection with alleged Broeksma Correspondence.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. Smith

Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Dec. 3, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re cablegram sent expressing sympathy on death
of President McKinley

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Giving summary of events therewith in Pretoria
and Johannesburg and asking that we be put
into closer communication with Washington.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Dec. 3, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch of Oct. 1st. re cablegram and expressing sympathy on the death of President McKinley also circular containing the proclamation of President Roosevelt.

I beg to say that this is the first official information that has been received at this consulate of the sad affair and therefore it was impossible for me to notify this Government of the occurrence. Through a short cablegram sent by Reuter we learned some days afterwards that a day of prayer and ~~morning~~ ^{morning} had been set aside. However the Consulate was not closed, but our flag has been half-masted slightly over sixty days. Some of the Government flags were half-masted on what was thought to be the day of the funeral and others not. I believe the flag of Lord Kitchener, The Military Governor's flag at Pretoria and the Commissioner of Police flag at Johannesburg, representing martial law in that section were all at half-mast but the flag of Lord Milner, the High Commissioner for South Africa was kept at full staff.

Cannot this office be put on such a footing that ~~it~~ may receive notice of important events within a reasonable length of time?

A short memorial service was held on one of the mines by a small number of Americans on the 26th of September and another in the town of Johannesburg on the 13th. of October at which about 700 persons were present.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm D. Gordin.

Acting United States Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.

Acknowledged
N. H. D. L.

No. 126

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Dec. 3, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Enclosing eight old applications for Passports with one old Passport which were evidently overlooked by one of my predecessors.

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Jan. 11, 1902



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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith application for passports, which have been discovered among some old papers in the office.

No. 645	Robert Shemeld	
646	Abraham Timothy	Jan. 9, 1900.
647	James Philip Evans	Jan. 9, 1900.
648	James O'Conner	Jan. 18, 1900.
649	Edward Weitemeyer	Jan. 18, 1900.
650	Joseph J. McDonnell	Jan. 21, 1901. old P/P
651	Isaac Liondore	Jan. 30, 1900.
652	Ella G. Agnew	Feb. 1, 1900.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul

CONSULAR BUREAU.

No. 127

Note
W. H. D. S.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Dec. 3, 1901. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Report of death of Joseph Howard McDonald

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Jan. 29, 1902.*



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No. 127

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Dec. 3, 1901. , 190

Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose herewith in duplicate Report of Death of Joseph Howard McDonald

I find only intention papers among the effects and the death occurred just over the Orange River, hence strictly belongs to the jurisdiction of Cape Town, but as the effects were laying at Johannesburg in the hands of the Militray I took them over.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D. Gram

Acting United States Consul.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

First Papers only found

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Portoria, Dec 3rd 1901.

Name: Joseph Howard McDonald

Native or naturalized: First papers only found

Date of death: May 14th 1900

Place of death: Norvals Pont

Cause of death: Fell while repairing Norvals Pont Bridge

Disposition of remains: Buried in Cemetery near Norvals Pont

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: A few small effects in my

possession, at Johannesburg, and \$3/10/- remitted by military authorities

to Master Supreme Court, ^{Capetown} July 12 1901

Address of family: Mother, Mrs. Catharine McDonald, Compton, Calif.

Family notified: By military authorities but date unascertained

Accompanied by relatives: —————

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

Book, pages 13

Remarks: Above information given me by Capt. E.

Taylor, Adj. 1st Bat. Railway Pioneer Regt.

on Oct 28th 1901. Mr. McDonald was known

as No 504 No 4 Co. 1st R.P.R.

[SEAL.]

Wm. D. G. G. G.

Acting Consul of the United States.

(FORM No. 192.)

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Prebouch

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. _____ in despatch

No. _____.

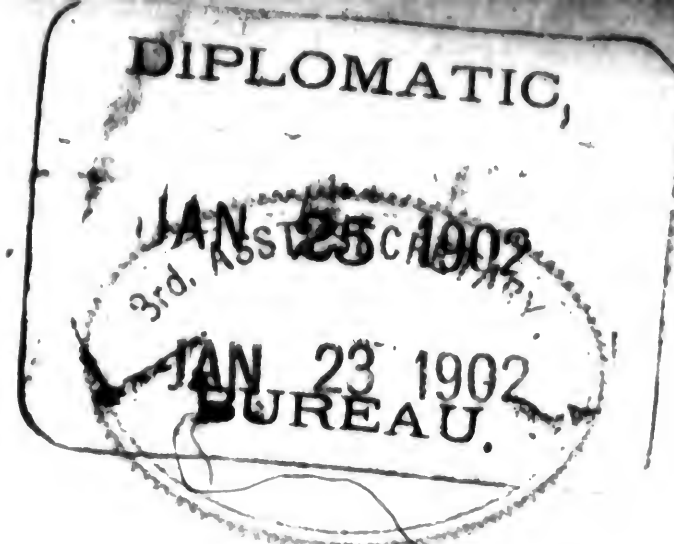
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TO THE SOLICITOR.

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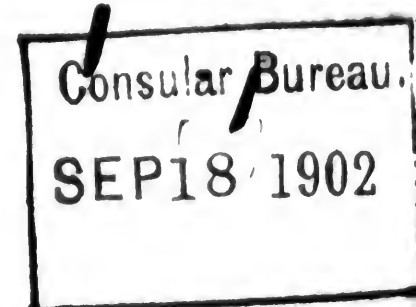
Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Dec. 10, 1901.



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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)



To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re confiscation of horses the property of
H.F. Dietze.

*To be
replied
Jan 27*

*Ans
Feb 4 1902*

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*Ans
June 17
1902*



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Dec. 10, 1901.

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third.

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith papers as follows, covering the confiscation of two horses, the property of H. F. Dietz an American Citizen.

I regret very much to trouble the Department with such a small matter but I believe the gentleman has been wrongly deprived of his property and there seems no other avenue open to this office.

Papers Enclosed

Letter No I454 Aug. 7/01 Copy letter from Johannesburg Agency to Col. C. Bradley

: No R1113 Aug. 10/01 Copy letter from Capt. R. L. Carleton D. A. A. G.

: No I496 Sept. 5/01 Copies letters from Johannesburg Agency to O. C. Lines of Communication.

: R I675 Sept 28/01 Copy letter Capt. R. L. Carleton D. A. A. G.

: No 242 Oct 22/01 Copy letter from Pretoria Consulate to Lord Kitchener

: Letter Nov. 15/01 Copy letter from Maj. W. A. Conger, Private Secretary

Copy Affidavit William Schubotz dated July 13, 1901.

Copy Affidavit Herman Frederick Dietz dated July 13, 1901.

Copy Affidavit Albert Gafner and James Edward Hudson dated Oct. 14, 1901.

Claim of H.F. Dietz of date Dec. 6th 1901, Amounting to £195:0:0

The receipt for the purchase price of the horses was taken from Mr Dietz by O.C. of the Remount Dpt. in Johannesburg and has been retained but I may say that I saw and had the receipt in my hands.

The proclamation under which these horses were taken stated that ownership must be proven for six months wherein Dietz ^{ship}proved owner for over one year.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm D. Jordan

Acting United States Consul

(C O P Y)

(No 1454)

C O N S U L A R S E R V I C E U . S . A.

U. S. Consular Agency,
Johannesburg.

7 August, 1901.

Col. C. Bradley,
(O.C. I. of Com.)
Johannesburg.

Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith papers re two horses, the property of Mr H. F. Dietze, an American Citizen, which have been taken by the Live Stock Recovery Dept.

I would be glad if you will have a thorough investigation made. It appears that the Commission acted in an ex parte manner in not allowing either Mr Dietze or his attorney to appear before them when reviewing the case.

From the papers herewith you will, I think, agree that Mr Dietze proves ownership for more than twelve months, whereas the proclamation of June 24th - "Registration & Branding Horses", Section 3 - states that rightful ownership must be proven for only half this time.

I have known Mr Dietze since the outbreak of the war and do not think he would claim horses not rightfully his.

I have the honor to be,
Obediently yours,

(Letter & Affidavits) (sgd) W. D. GORDON (U.S. Cons. Agt.)

(C O P Y)

Reference No 1454

O.C. LINES OF COMMUNICATION,
JOHANNESBURG TO SPRINGS.

Elandsfontein, Aug. 10, 1901.

No R 1113.

Sir:-

Yours of the 7th inst. re 2 horses, the property of Mr Dietze, is receiving attention, and a further communication will be sent you in due course.

Yrs truly,

(sgd) R. L. Carleton Capt.

D. A. A. G.

To

Wm. D. Gordon, Esq.,

U. S. Consr. Agent.

C O N S U L A R S E R V I C E U . S . A .

U. S Consular Agency,
Johannesburg.

5 September, 1901.

O.C. L. of C.,

(Johannesburg-Springs)

Elandsfontein.

Sir:-

RE H. DIETZE'S HORSES.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor No 1454 re two horses, the property of Mr H. Dietze, an American Citizen. I would be pleased to know if you have any further communication to make in the matter, as Mr Dietze depends upon the horses in question for his livelihood, and I am extremely anxious to have the matter settled

I have the honor to be,

Obediently yours,

(sgd) WM. D. GORDON.

U. S. Consular Agent.

(C O P Y)

L. of C. Office,

Elandsfontein.

28 Sept. 1901.

Re H. Dietze's Horses.

Sir,

I regret that I have been unable to reply earlier to your letter of the 5th instant.

Enquiry has been made, and I am directed by the Officer Commanding the J'burg Springs District & Lines of Communication to inform you that the horses in question were confiscated because they had the Government brand on them, and that he is unable therefore to alter his decision in the case.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sgd) L. R. CARLETON.

Captain.

D. A. A G.

O.C. LINES OF COMMUNICATION
JOHANNESBURG TO SPRINGS

28 SEP. 1901.

Germiston.
No R / 1675.

Pretoria Oct.22,1901.

General Lord Kitchener,
Commander in Chief,
Pretoria.

Sir:-

I have the honor to call ~~to your~~ attention a case wherein it would appear that one H.F.Dietz an American citizen has been wrongfully depraved of two horses by the Live Stock Recovery Department at Johannesburg.

I beg to submit herewith a statement of the case also copies of affidavits made by Herman Frederick Dietz, William Schubetz also Albert Gafner and James Edward Hudson and would ask that an investigation be made.

Mr Dietz has not only lost the value of the team but their services for over four months.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) W.D.Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

CONSULAR SERVICE U S A

(Copy)

Pretoria 15th Nov. 1901.

Sir:-

I am directed by Lord Kitchener to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 242 of the 22nd October relative to the horses of Mr H.F. Dietz. In reply I am to inform you that the matter has been fully enquired into and His Lordship has come to the conclusion that the horses were rightly taken as they bore the Government mark and he regrets, therefore that he is unable to interfere in the action of the Remount Authorities.

Yours faithfully

(Signed) W.A. Congrew Major

Private Secretary

The United States Consul

Pretoria.

COPY.

Appeared before me J. P. at Johannesburg
William Schubetz, residing 168 Pritchard street
Johannesburg, who declared : -

That he knows certain A. Obenhaus;

That said A Obenhaus was the owner of and used
certain two blue geldings before the occupation of Jo-
hannesburg by H. M. Troops;

That soon after the occupation, aforesaid, the said
A. Obenhaus offered these horses to the appearer, who,
however, would not buy them as they were thin and the
price demanded too high for their condition;

That appearer is positive that these horses were
branded B on the front hoof;

That appearer is aware that said A. Obenhaus has
sold these very same horses to H. F. Dietz at about
that time;

That on the 10th July 1901 the said H. F. Dietz
requested the appearer to accompany him to the yard
of the White Star Trolley Company, the Depot of the
Live Stock Recovery Department;

That the said H. F. Dietz then and there asked
Capt. McDonald in appearers presence to point out the
Government mark and Capt McDonald replied that these
horses had a little mark which the said Dietz could
not see; thereupon the said H. F. Dietz repeated this
question to Mr Haylett who is in charge of the yard
and Mr Haylett told him, H. F. Dietz, that they had
no Government mark;

That these horses have been in the possession of
the said H. F. Dietz from the time he had bought them
from A. Obenhaus and until Capt F. R. McDonald retained
them.

That these horses are worth at least seventy
pounds at present;

That appearer knows that said A Obenhaus has re-
ceived

ceived a Pass from the Authorities and has left Johannesburg for Cape Town and Europe on the 2nd October 1900.

w.s. W. Schubotz

Sworn to before me at Johannesburg, this, the 13th July 1901.

w.s. E M Douglass, Capt
J. P.

COPY.

Appeared before me J. P. at Johannesburg
Herman Frederik Dietz, residing at 100 Marshalstreet
Marshall's township, Johannesburg, who declared : -

That on or about the 30th June 1900 he bought
two blue geldings from a certain A. Obenhaus(A Oben-
haus) who was at that time residing at Fordsburg;

That both horses were branded " E " on the front
hoof;

That they had not, nor have any Government mark;

That these horses were fed up by the appearer, who
had paid thirty five pounds stg for them;

That these horses have been in appearer's possess-
ion ever since until the 9th July 1901, when Capt. F.
R. McDonald of the Life Stock Recovery Department re-
tained them as Government property;

That said A Obenhaus left for the Cape and Europe
on the 2nd October 1900;

That appearer asked Capt McDonald to point out to
him the Govt mark and received for answer, that they
had a little mark which the appearer could not see;

Thereupon appearer asked Mr Haylett, in charge of
the yard, to pint out the Government mark, but said
Mr Haylett stated on the 10th July 1901 that these
horses had no Government brand;

That the receipt appearer obtained from A Obenhaus
for the payment of these horses was kept by Capt Mc
Donald;

That these horses were and are still appearer's
bona fide property and that appearer does not wish to
part with them;

That the present value of these horses is at least
seventy pounds stg;

That no receipt was given to the appearer for ~~the~~
these horses, although he, the appearer, had asked for
same

same;

That appearer is an American Subject.

That A Obenhaus' name appeared in the Gazette.

w.s. H. P. Dietz

Sworn to before me at Johannesburg, this, the
13th July 1901.

w.s. E. M. Douglass Capt
J. P.

~~Appeared before me~~
~~at Johannesburg~~

~~J. P.~~

He. A
Albert Gafner And James Edward Hudson both of Johannesburg, ~~who declared~~ :- *Make oath & say as follows.*

That they remember certain two blue horses, which Mr H. F. Dietz had bought from A. Oppenhaus on or about the 30th June 1900 at Johannesburg.

That they had absolutely no Government mark or brand, either from the Imperial or the late Government;

That one of these horses, the darker one of the two, had a very indistinct brand of "J. P" or J. D. on the left hindleg below the hip, but no other mark whatsoever;

That the appearers have known these horses for about eight months, that is to say until the said horses were retained by the Live Stock Recovery Department on the 9th of July 1901,

That the said horses were branded by the Remount Department "E" as being exempt from Military duty etc. during the month of June 1900; this brand being made on the one front hoof;

*Albert Gafner
James Edward Hudson*

Sworn to before me at Johannesburg, this the 14th day of October 1901.

Walter. R. R. R.

J. P.

Johannesburg. 6th December 1901.

Claim of H. F. Dietz, American Subject, against
the Imperial Government of Great Britain.

To value of two horses retained by
Lime Stock Recvy. Dpt. Johannesburg on
the 9th July 1901.

S: 70-0-0

Loss at the rate of £25. per month
from 9th July till 8th December 1901
for and on account of illegal retention
of my property.

":125-0-0

£:195-0-0.

For every following month until date of payment or
restitution of horses at the rate of £25. per month.

I the undersigned, the above said claimant, swear
and say that above contains a true and correct state-
ment of facts.

H. F. Dietz

Sworn to before me at Johannesburg, this, the
6th day of December 1901.

W. M. Gault
J. P.

Chief Detective Inspector,
Criminal Investigation Department

No. 129



CONSULAR BUREAU.

copy of Harris Peter.
3rd. ASST. SECRETARY.
JAN 28 1902

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Dec. 17, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul.)

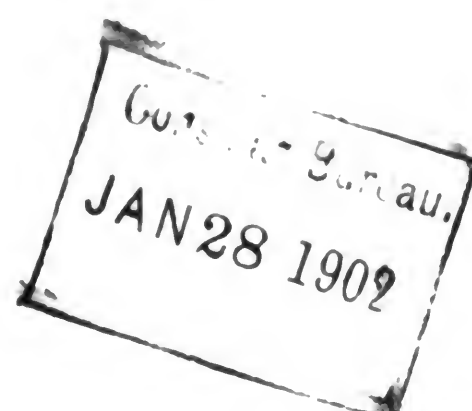
To the Department of State.

Subject:

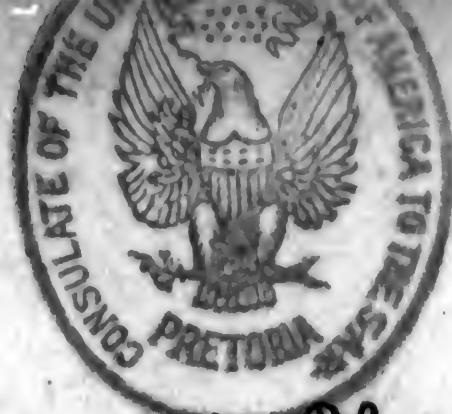
Search for whereabouts of Harris Peter

*To H. J. Steele
Ackd by him
Jan 30
1902*

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Dec. 17, 1901.

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Honorable Alvey A. Adey,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Again referring to your despatch No 125 under date of Sept. 4th. re Harris Peter. I beg to enclose herewith memoranda to and from Officers Commanding at Heidelberg, Standerton, Springs and Elandsfontein and apparently no record can be had re Mr Peter in the Heidelberg District.

If Mr Steele can furnish this office with any further data I will make another search. By writing the General Officer Commanding Troops in the Bermuda Islands he could learn if Mr Peter is in the Prisoners of War Camp at that point.

If Mr Peter called at the Johannesburg Agency in October 1899 and was entitled to a passport he would have undoubtedly received one.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

A. P. Dr.
+
R. M.

Please see attached
letter.

Can you please
give the required
information;

By Order.

Richard Law
Lt



not here
by Stanton
col capt

P. 2.

Plantation.

Received by Mr. Com.
on file the information
required please.

Richardson
Co.

LIEUT. COL. COMDT.



No268

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.

Pretoria Nov.26,1901.



O.C.Troops,

Heidelberg,Transvaal.

Sir:-

I have an inquiry from my Government re one Harris Peter who is supposed to have been taken prisoner by Col. Elmy near Heidelberg.

I desire to know where Mr Peter is at present, what property he may have been possessed of, where the property is now and what nationality he claimed.

I regret to be obliged to trouble you with this matter and if it is impossible for you to answer would thank you to turn the matter over to someone who may know something regarding the case.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D Gordon

Acting United States Consul.



IV

PROVOST MARSHAL,
MANHATTAN DISTRICT.
4 DEC. 1901
7327.....

A. P. M. Springs

Not known here

Can you give this information
please?

Landertow
12. 07.

Abraham Saderman
A. P. M.

No. 844 5.
A. P. M.

Claudefontein

Passed

Jon: the late Intelligence Agent he
tells me this man was sent
Jon for inquiries & investigation

IV

PROVOST MARSHAL,
WEIDENBERG DISTRICT.
4 DEC. 1901
7327

A. P. M. Springs

Not known here

can you give this information
please?

Landertow
12. 07.

Abt. Sadelman

A. P. M.

No. 844 5.
A. P. M.

Claudefontein

Passed to

you: the late Intelligence Agent here
tells me this man was sent to
you for inquiries & investigation

of his case, under military escort
by order of Col Allenby.

I imagine the date must have
been about May of this year, about
which time Col Allenby came
to Springs with his column.

Maj. Ferrar Major
Commist

Springs
9.12.01

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MEMORANDUM.

From

A. P. M.
Enroute #524

From

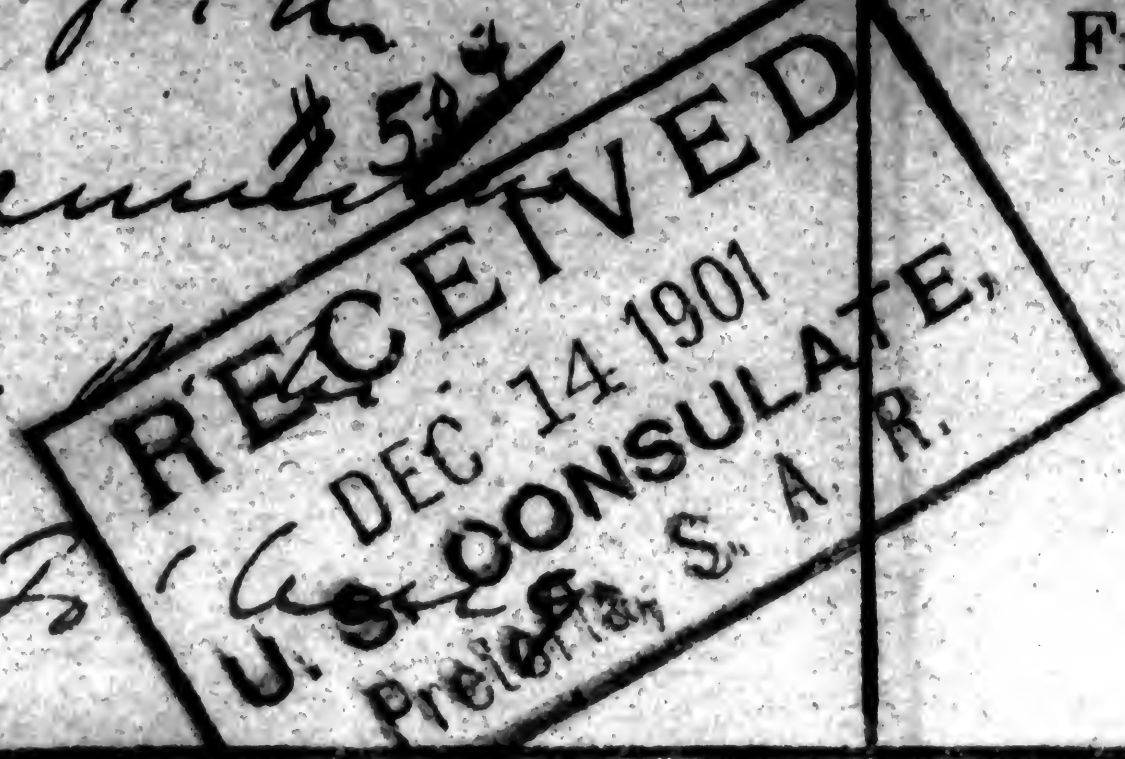
To

A.

To

G. C. C.

Heidelberg
ANSWER.



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11 — 12 — 1901

*I forwarded to you, I have
no records of this man*

H. de S. Thost

*Captain of
Asst Provost Marshal*

*8.
Commandant
Heidelberg
Passed.*

B.O.

St. J. Warren *Captain*
B.O.

12/12/01

*Passed by me.
This man was
not sent here and
I cannot trace his
name. Did he
pass through your
hands? Please
kind reply direct*

D. G. O. C. Heidelberg

Agnes
Hays



The Acting United
States Consul,
Pretoria.

Returned to you
This man cannot
be housed in this
district.

J. H. Brandlaw.
Co.

for Commandant.

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CONSULAR BUREAU.

FEB 3 1902

Consulate of the United States,

Dec. 17, 1901.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledging receipt of letter for J. J. Ver-
Kouteren.

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Consular Bureau
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No. 130



Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Thos. W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch No 127 under date of Oct 11th. covering copy of letter from A.J. Verkauteeren also letter for J.J. Verkauteeren.

The letter will be handed to Mr Verkauteeren as soon as I can communicate with him, he is a short distance in the country from here.

I have the honor to be,

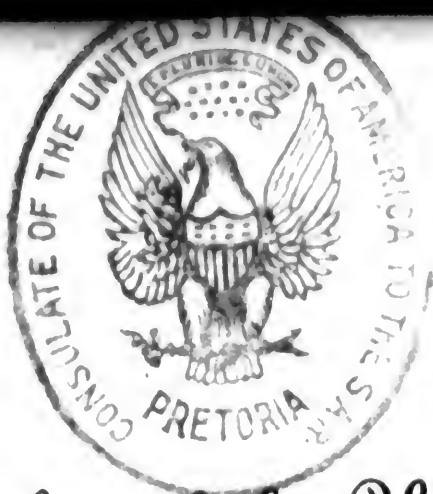
Sir:-

Your obedient servant

Wm D Gindler

Acting United States Consul.

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CONSULAR BUREAU,
NOTED AND PUBLISHED.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Jan. 28, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

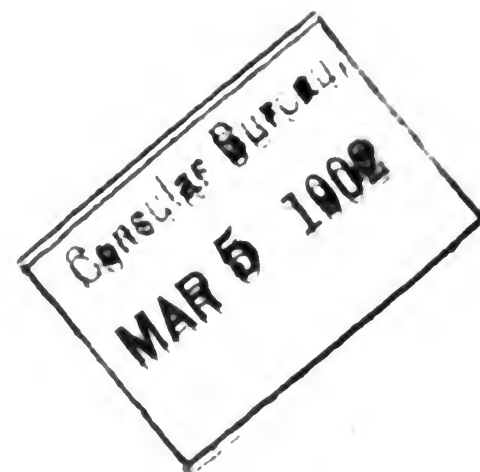
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Reporting death of Mr Moritz Bernhardt.

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Ad by from
April 8/02

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Jan. 28, 1902.

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Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith report of death of Moritz Bernhardt in duplicate.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Portoria January 27th 1902

Name: Morty Bernhardt

Native or naturalized: not known

Date of death: Dec 4th 1901

Place of death: Portoria Asylum

Cause of death: Valvular heart disease & senile dementia

Disposition of remains: Buried Jewish Cemetery Portoria

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: Watch, chain, 2 rings and bundle of papers
in possession of P. E. Dodd, Med. Supt Asylum, balance in
hands of executor

Address of family: Sm J. Bernhardt, Dumas, Arkansas

Family notified: Yes

Accompanied by relatives: _____

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

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Remarks: In terms of will Wm Campbell and
Morris Ripman of resdop, Tennessee and
Julius Bernhardt son of deceased Dumas, Ark.
have been nominated as executor.

[SEAL.]

Wm. G. Jordan

Acting Consul of the United States

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Puerto Rico S. A. R.

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. _____ in despatch

No. _____

January 24th, 1902.

No 132



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Jan. 28, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Asking for removal of Pretoria Consulate to Johannesburg.

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Giving reasons for removal and asking that a cablegram be sent if permission to remove is granted.

Answered by
Telegraph. Melb. 27.1902

Confirmed March 29 1902
Asked about expenses
April 14 1902



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Jan. 28, 1902.

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third. Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I desire to know if the Department will allow the removal of the Pretoria Consulate to Johannesburg.

The bulk of the work emanates from Johannesburg, about 95% of the Americans in the country are resident in and about Johannesburg, most of the Government headquarters have been removed to that city and while Pretoria is only distant about 50 miles from Johannesburg the journey without delays (and delays are frequent) requires about $2\frac{1}{4}$ hrs. each way, this means a loss of $4\frac{1}{2}$ or more hours each week and as I have made 54 trips since the late Mr Hay left here, you can well imagine the loss of time, to say nothing of the expense I am put to.

If the office were removed to Johannesburg, a journey to Pretoria could be made whenever ones services were required ^{there} but as they are not required nearly so frequently as at Johannesburg, less frequent visits would be necessary and more time could thus be devoted to Johannesburg, where the real work lies.

I have refrained from writing about this matter before because I have been expecting monthly that some one might be appointed as Consul, thus relieving me, and my intention has been to leave the country myself, but I find it impossible to get

away for some time yet, and if the Government does not see its way to make a permanent appointment I will be glad to fill the position until some other arrangement can be made. I only undertook the work with the understanding, with the late Mr Hay, that I would be relieved in three or four months time, had I known that it would have extended to over a year, nothing would have induced me to accept, because the salary (even if received) is not commensurate with the position and its attendant expenses but I am not complaining and do not wish this letter to be construed in that light at all, because I believe it one's duty to assist the homeland whenever and however possible.

The expenses of running the office in Johannesburg would be practically no greater than here, rents are higher but I think arrangements might be made whereby the cost would not exceed the present rental, greatly.

If you think favorably re this matter would thank you to cable this office as I would like to terminate the tenancy at the end of this quarter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Y

Wm. S. Foster

Acting United States Consul.

No. I33



Consulate of the United States,

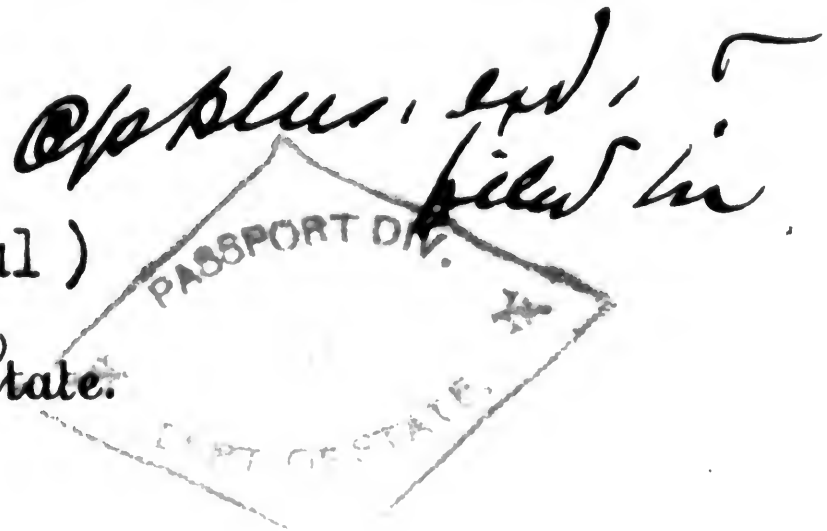
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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting U.S. Consul)

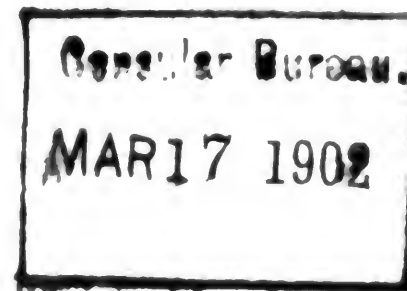
To the Department of State.



Subject:

Enclosing applications for passport and old
passports Nos. 68 to 127 inclusive.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Feb. II, 1902.

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to send under ^{*This*} ~~separate~~ cover
Applications for Passports accompanied by the old
passports whenever it was in possession of the ap-
plicant.

These applications cover the passports issued
during quarter ending Dec. 31st. 1901 and are number-
ed from 68 to 127 inclusive.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

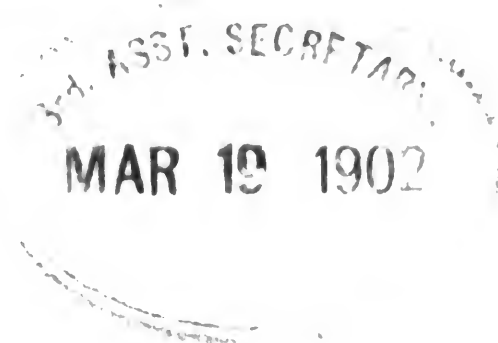
Your obedient servant,

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.

No. 134



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Feb. II, 1902. , 189 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Press of the Goss Printing Press Co.

Done
Copy to
The Goss Print-
ing Press Co
Apr 9
1902

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Notifying that subject has been taken up
with the Transvaal Administration.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Feb. II, 1902.

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Honorable David J. Hill

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch No 133 Nov. 23rd 1901. and Mr Cridler's despatch No 130 Oct. 28, 1901. re printing press owned by the Goss Printing Press Co of Chicago, I beg to state that this subject has been taken up with the Transvaal Administration and as soon as I have the answer it will be transmitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

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Pretoria Feb. II, 1902.

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ASST. SECRETARY
MAR 19 1902

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Notifying of the appointment of H.F. Gill as Act.
U.S. Consular Agent at Bloemfontein.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Feb. II, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No 129 under of Oct. 24th. I beg to say that Mr H.F. Gill has been appointed Acting U.S. Consular Agent at Bloemfontein.

It has been impossible for me to get to Bloemfontein but all reports I get of the gentleman are excellent. He is about 37 years old, born in the Orange River Colony, well educated and a member of the firm of Richardt & Co the largest general merchant in the country.

I trust my action will meet with the approval of the Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting United States Consul.

No. 136



CONSULAR BUREAU

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Feb. II, 1902.



Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.



Subject:

Asking for more data re Patrick O. Sullivan.

Copy to Mrs
C J Whelton
Mch 22
1902

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No. I36

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Feb. II, 1902. , 190

Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch No I37 under date of Dec. 30th. re the present whereabouts of Patrick O. Sullivan I beg to report that the General Officer Commanding the Newcastle District asks for more information re the gentleman.

Where was he last heard from? What was his occupation? What is his description? Can Mrs Whelton give any data which will assist the Military Authorities in their search?

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Acting United States Consul.

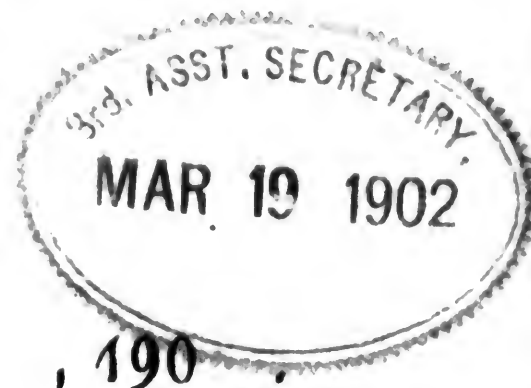
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CONSULAR BUREAU.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Feb. II, 1902.



Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Asking for list of names of American Citizens
in Pretoria who sent resolution of sympathy.

*Answered
Mar. 21, 1902.*

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No. 137



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Feb. II, 1902.

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Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch of Dec. 26th. re
Set of Resolutions from American residents of
Pretoria conveying expressions of sympathy re the
death of President McKinley. I would be glad to
receive a list of the names mentioned. So far, I
can find no one among the prominent Americans here
who knows anything regarding the matter.

I have the honor to be,

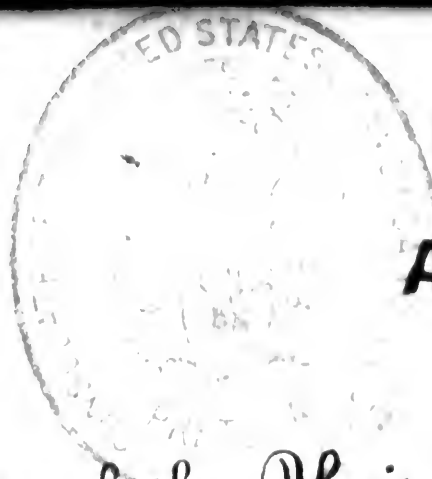
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

No. 138



CONSULAR BUREAU.
ACKNOWLEDGE,



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Feb. 18, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Enclosing signature of H.F. Gill Acting United States
Consular Agent at Bloemfontein also specimens of the
seals of the office.

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No. 138

Consulate of the United States,
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Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Again reverting to despatch No 129 re the appointment, temporarily, of a Consular Agent at Bloemfontein, I have the honor to enclose herewith specimen signature of ^{Mr. H. T. Gull} ~~the gentleman~~ also specimen of the two seals used in the office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. D. Graham

Acting United States Consul.

CONSULAR AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

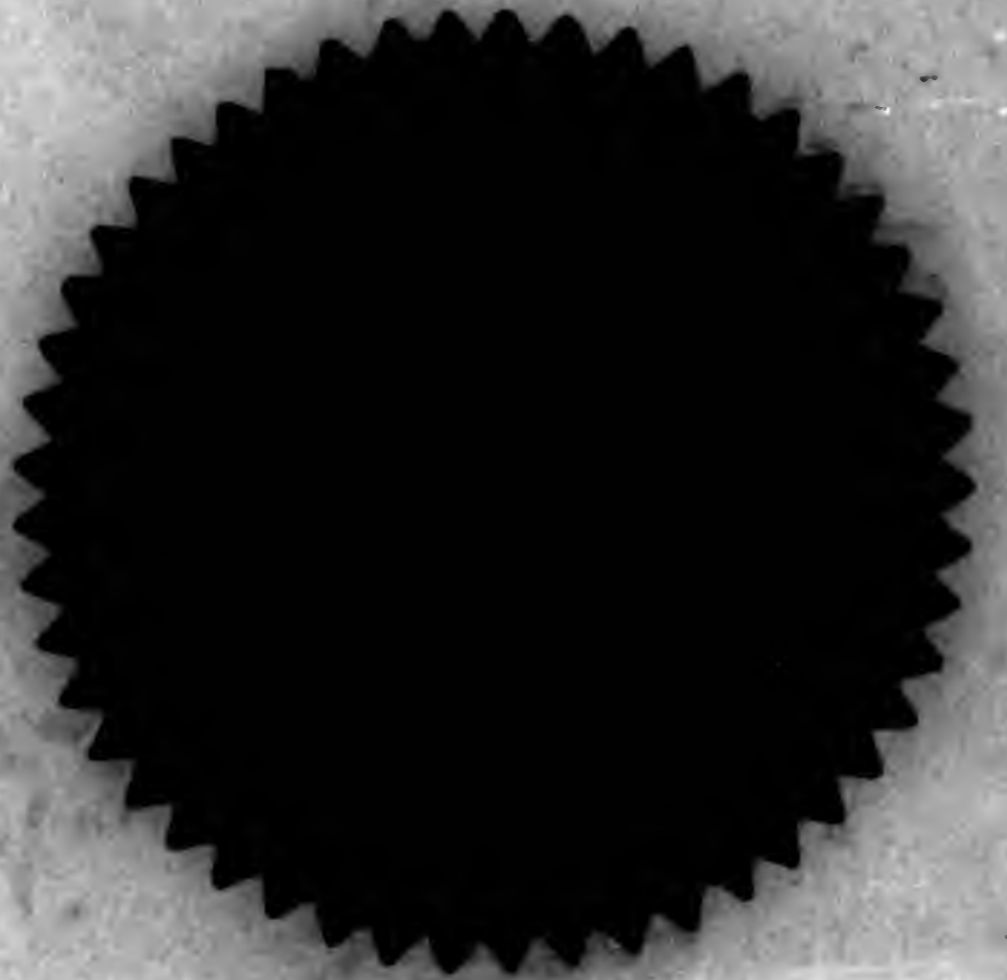
Bloemfontein,

14th Feb. 1902

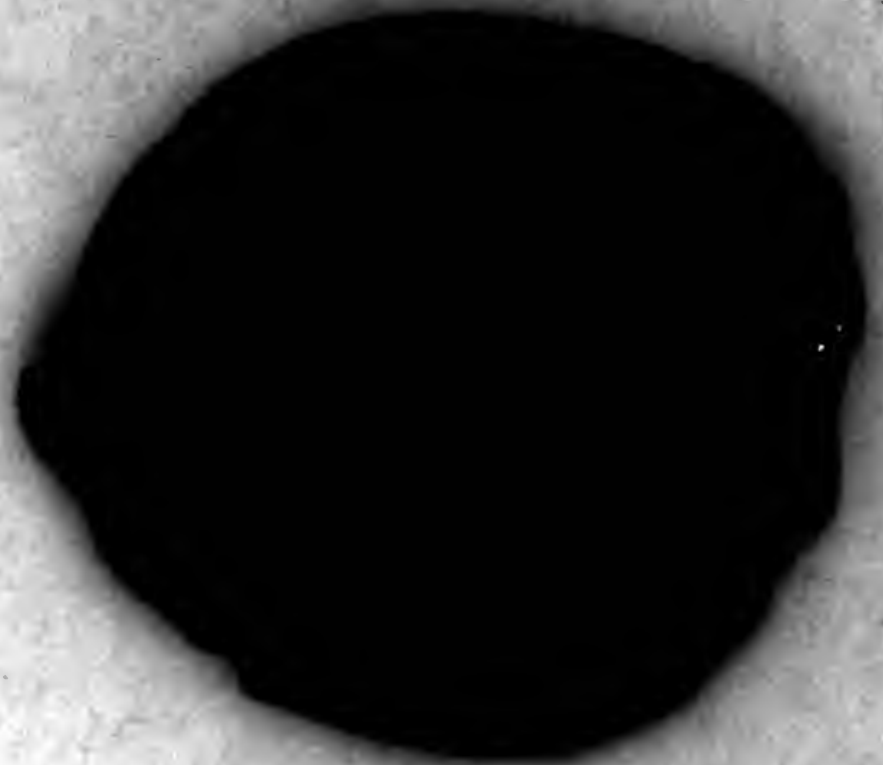
Specimen signature of
Henry Frederick Gill.
Acting United States
Consular Agent.
at Bloemfontein.

H. F. Gill

Specimen of Seal (No. 1)



Specimen of Seal (No. 2)



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Consulate of the United States,
Pretoria Mar. 3, 1902.

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CONSULAR BUREAU
ACKNOWLEDGE,

BUREAU OF
FOREIGN COMMERCE.

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Copy to Treasury
H. W. D. S.
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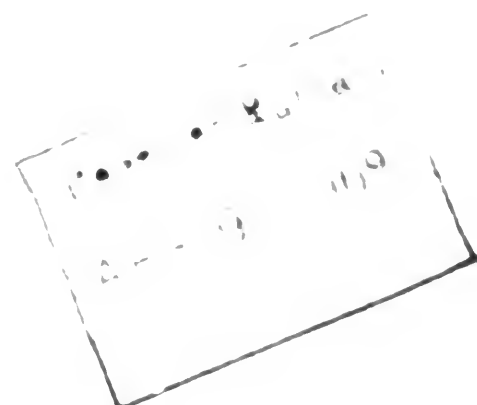
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Subject:

Enclosing Customs Returns of Transvaal for 1901.

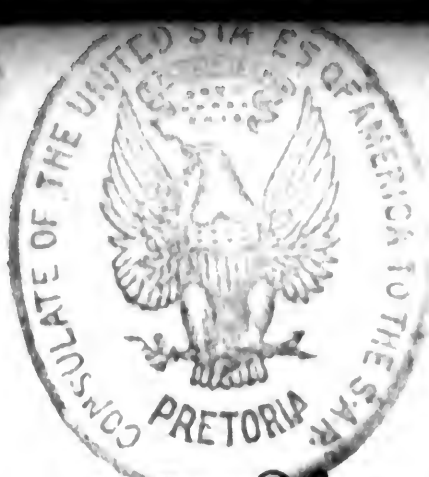
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to Treas
May 2
1902



CONSULAR BUREAU.
PLEASE REPORT.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Mar. 10 1902.



Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Goss Printing Press.

*Copy to the
Goss Printing Press
Co., Ackd by
Dorn*

Apr 22 1902

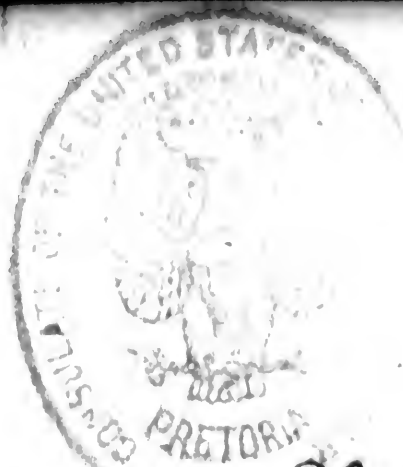
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Offer of Transvaal Administration of £33
per month.

*Ans
Aug 12
1902*



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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Mar. 10, 1902.

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Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your despatch No 133 of November 23rd. last, also despatch No 130 of Oct. 28th. re compensation for use of the Goss Printing Press for printing the Johannesburg Gazette and beg to enclose copy of my letter of July 23rd, 1901 also copy of letter just received from the Acting Secty. to the Transvaal Administration, wherein an offer of £33 per month is made for a settlement.

I await your further instructions.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Groom

Acting United States Consul.

CONSULAR SERVICE U S A

(Copy)

Pretoria July. 23, 1901

G.V.Fiddes, Esq.

Pretoria.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor re the Press now being used in the printing of the Johannesburg Gazette and beg to say that the amount of money which the Goss Printing Press Company have in the plant is £3608:8:0, the difference being Insurance and Freight charge expensis of engineer erecting etc.

You will notice that the notes according to contract bear 6% interest and as a piece of machinery such as this does not improve by being used, a certain amount for depreciation say 6% should be added. This would make an equivalent of about £33 per month and as the Government has been selling the product of this machine at a profit I should consider this amount very reasonable, and would be glad to receive an agreement to that effect.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) Wm.D.Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

(Copy)

Office of Secretary to the Transvaal Administration
Pretoria 3rd March 1902.

I820

Re Goss Printing Press.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter No.316 of the 11th. Ultimo I have the honour to inform you that the question of the rental to be paid for the Goss Printing Press has been given full consideration by the Administration.

(2) The Government is prepared to offer the sum of £33 per mensem in full settlement of this claim, which amount it will be remembered was stated by you in your letter of the 23rd July, 1901 to be very reasonable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) W.E. Davidson

Atg. Secty to the Transvaal Administration

W.D. Gordon Esq.

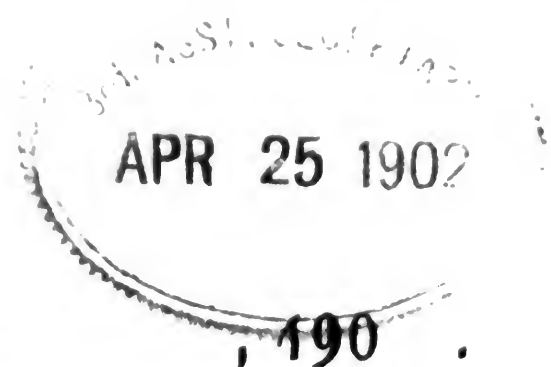
Pretoria.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Mar. 20, 1902.



Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

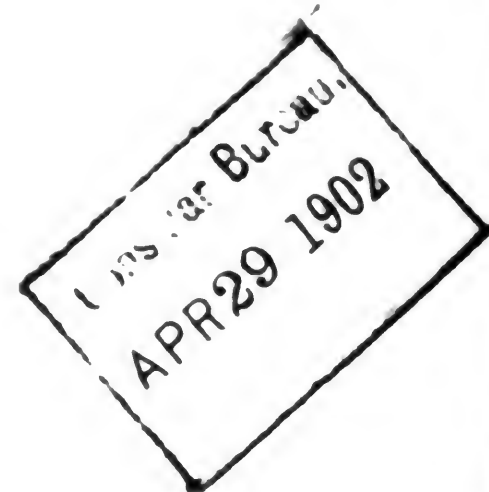
Proclamation re Medical Practicioners.

*Copy with
Enc to Int
May 10 1902*

Abstract of Contents.

Registration in this country

in substance
PRINTED IN ADVANCE SHEETS NO. 1337





CONSULAR BUREAU.
PLEASE REPORT.

No. 142



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Mar. 30, 1902

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Report re arrest and imprisonment of
T.B. Reagan.

Certified
Copy to
T.B. Reagan
Aug 29
1902

See instruction Oct 1/02

Abstract of Contents.

States that Reagan was arrested twice first for supposed connection with Irish Brigade and second on the initiative of Capt Marquis of the South Wales Borderers.



No. I42

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Mar. 30, 1902.

, 189 .

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No I41 under date Feb. 1st 1902. re arrest of Thomas B. Reagan and beg to state that I have known said Reagan for the past 5 or 6 years. Previous to the war he was a Contractor, (builder of dams, railroads etc)

The cause of his first arrest was stated to be, as having been a member of the Irish Brigade operating in the field against the British forces. This I disproved to the satisfaction of the Military Commissioner of Police. A day or two after his release he was arrested again without the knowledge of the Military Commissioner of Police, but as far as I could learn at the instigation of a certain Captain Marquis, of the South Wales Borderers - who at that time was a District Commissioner of Police in Johannesburg and at the time was told Capt. Marquis acted upon information given by J. G. Stowe late Consul General at Cape Town who was in Johannesburg at that time.

To my knowledge Reagan never acted in an otherwise than neutral manner. I am positive he never had anything whatever to do with the Irish Brigade.

(Over)

No. 143



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 6, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re claim against British Government by
Isaac Liondore.

Abstract of Contents.

Enclosing papers re this case.

Copy dispatch
& first-enc
to Isaac
Liondore
Ackd by form
May 15
1902





NoI43

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 6, 1902.

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch NoI39 under date Jan. 17th, re claim against the British Government by Mr Isaac Liondore I beg to enclose herewith copy of letter from the President of the Military Compensation Board, at Kroonstad, which is self explanatory.

I beg to enclose herewith the papers sent in the case per your request as follows:-

Statement of the Case

Copy of receipt for one Bicycle

Copy of receipt for one Bay Gelding

Copy of Pass from farm to Bloemfontein

Copy of Inventory (4) pages amounting to £1548:15:6

Copy of Citizenship Papers.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

(Copy)

CONSULAR SERVICE U S A

K.C.R.

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Kroonstad.

4/4/02

Wm.D.Gordon, Esq.

Acting United States Consul.

Pretoria.

Sir:-

Your letter dated the 30th. March 1902. to hand, **Re Claim** of Isaac Liondore of Vaalbank dist. Heilbron.

I have a claim for Mr Liondore for amount **£798:15:6** but it has not been considered yet by the M.C. Board.

It will be necessary for Mr Liondore to appear in person when his claim is to be considered, or to appoint an agent to appear on his behalf.

It will be necessary to prove that the goods claimed for were his property, that it was taken or destroyed by the Imperial Forces, also that any receipts which may be produced which were not sent in with the Claim are genuine and valid.

No payments will be made until the cessation of hostilities.

(Signed) J.J.B. Jones **Parry**

Capt.

President M.C. Board.

Copied
Receipt given

Received from Isaac Pondore.
One Bicycle (damaged)
for use of Imperial Government
Value 25/-

(Twentyfive shillings)
By Order
R. Byron
Capt.

Taibosch
23-6-00

Copied
From Original

15-6-1900

Valuation receipt for Bay Gelding Taken
from Isaac Pondore. — Vilgeons Drift.
Valued at £1 — (one pound) By order.
S. Styrne Cordeaux Capt.

(It looks like
from this side)

James Rest.
Station Commandant
Vilgeons Drift

Isaac Pondore. states
he is an American Citizen.

Copy
to
the
military
authorities

Pass The bearer Isaac Lyondore has permission
to proceed to Roumonten having been removed
from his farm by order of the Commandant.
Jacoboch, for the benefit of the Imperial Service.
He is not a prisoner

ORDERLY ROOM
—
BN. KING'S ROYAL RIFLES

Jacoboch

W.S. Clarke Capt. 9. KRRC
for Station A. Officer

Uncle
Copy

Vaalkant.
June 29th 1900

Shop	200 . . . 200 -	
21 bags Mealies	21 . . .	
100 Grain bags	@ 6 ^{cts} 2 10 .	
1 8 ^{ft} x 15 ^{ft} Plough	1 10 .	
1 Tiger 10 ^{cts}	3 10 .	
4 " Shares	1 . . .	
3 Single bedsteads	@ 2 - 6 . . .	
1 Large scale	1 5 .	4 78 -
1 bag Potatoes	1 . . .	5 5
1 Hanging Lamp	1 10 .	58 3 5
1 Iron safe	10 . . .	22 5
1 Letter press	2 . . .	60 5
2 Bundles Sale Twine	1 5 .	
1 Single set of Harness	2 10 .	
1 set Front Harness	3 5 .	
1 Lot. Carpenters & Masons Tools	3 10 .	
Stable & Store	40 . . .	
8 bales & 1 bag Wool	100 . . .	
1/2 bale Upholstery 20 9 ^{cts}	10 5 .	
5 Pieces Timber 22 x 3 x 3		
12 " " 22 x 2 x 4 1/2	19 . . .	
03 bags Mealies on the Cob Shed	25 15 .	
1 Trolley	20 . . .	
1 Mealie Sheller	6 10 .	
		488 5
		Forward

Crate
 1 Crib
 1 Step Ladder }
 Bedroom R^o 1
 1 Brass bedstead
 Spring Mattress & Bedding
 1 Case Soap
 2 Cases Paraffin
 2 Gross Matches

Forward \$ 478
 15 } 483 5

15 -
 1 10 -
 3 -
 1 10 - 22 5

\$ 50 0 10

\$ 22-15

Forward

\$ 50 5 10

1 Washstand and Toilet set	Forward.	\$505 10
1 Dining Room:-	\$ 1 10	
1 Long Table	1 10	
6 Chairs { Hardwood }	1 10	
1 Cupboard & Shelves.	5	
1 Table Lamp	2	
1 Dinner set:- 50 pieces.	2	
2 Dozen Cups & Saucers	}	
1 Coffee burner		
6 Doz knives, forks & spoons	3 10	
1 Bedroom No 2		
2 Bedsteads & bedding	6	
1 Washstand & Toilet set.	1 10	
1 Iron Trunk with Clothing	5	
1 Boot Case with boots.	2 10	
1 Kitchen:-		
1 Stove 2.10. 6. Ducts etc:-	3 10	
2 Dishes 17. 10oz plates 8. Carved Dish 8.	1 8	
2 Pots 15. 3 Saucepans 8. Large pot 15.	1 10	
2 Kettles 4/6. Coffee burner 12/6	1	
1 Coffee mill 5. 1 Cruet stand 30.	2 10	
1 Sausage machine 5. 1 Settin plate 17.	1 10	
2 Haggows @ 7.10.	15	
270 Sheepskins	7 12 6	
2 Bedside	1 5	
	67 5 6	
Forward	\$572 15 6	

Vaalbant

Goods & Stock left behind

29 June 1900
 Brought forward £ 547 15 6

- 1 Cow
- 4 Bullocks
- 1 Horse
- 1 Waggonette
- 1 Set Harness
- 4 Slaughter bullocks
- 1 Waggon sail
- 2 Yokes
- 1 Waggon chain

Goods required
 but no receipts
 given.

£ 35 . . .
 15 . . .
 40 . . .
 15 . . .
 35 . . .
 4 . . .
 50 . . .
 3 . . .
 . 10 . . .
 1 10 . . .

1 Horse
 1 Bicycle
 For these receipts were given
 for £1 each :-

15 . . .
 12 . . .

226 . . .
498 15 6

To Expenses & loss of business
 profits &c. from 24th June 1900.
 To 31st May 1901

Total

£ 750 . . .
1548 15 6

State of Missouri }
County of Putnam } ss.

Now on this the 8th day of
January, 1902, before me a Notary Public, within and
for Putnam County, (in the State of Missouri) personally
appeared Isaac Liondorr, age 29 years, of Powersville,
Putnam County, Missouri, who being by me first
duly sworn, upon his oath, states that he
is a naturalized citizen of the United States.

(A certified copy of his citizen's papers ^{Presented} herewith)

That on the 25th ^{2nd October} of April, 1899, he bought a store
in Vaalbank, Orange Free State, South Africa ^{2nd}
continued in business at that point until
June 29th 1900, at which time the British
gave him notice that he must leave the
place, which he did, under protest, after
first taking an invoice of his goods.

That he locked up his store, leaving all his
goods; that he asked a receipt for his goods,
but the Colonel being absent, he got no
receipt for his goods; but was hurried
away by the British on the first train.

That the British gave him a pass to Bloemfontein,
at which place, he explained the state of his ^{affairs}
to American Consul Elliott, who sent his (Liondorr's)

letter to American Consul ^{Mr} Gordon at Johannesburg, who
forwarded same to Pretoria. That in June 1901,

his claim was registered by J. W. Sheppard President
Claims Board - it having been presented by

Mr. Elliott United States Consular Agent, ^{at Bloemfontein June 2nd 1901} who
was receipted therefor,

That his claim is filed
in an itemized form, amounting in all
to the sum of £ 1548-15-6; £ 798-15-6
being for goods actually lost and £ 750- being
for loss of time, expenses and damages for
loss of time in being thrown out of business.

The execution of 25th & 26th of April was made before execution of this paper.

That the kinds of goods lost were his buildings; his stock of goods; live stock; skins, wool, carts, wagons and machinery — A correct itemized list of which is herewith presented in exhibits A, B, & C all of which is an exact copy of his original itemized claim as filed with the Claims Board.

That he was the actual owner of the goods lost and claims in his own individual right.

That his post office address is Powersville, Putnam Co., Mo.

That he votes at the Powersville, Mo. precinct.

That he has never renounced his citizenship in the United States — that at the time of his loss of goods in South Africa, he was a naturalized citizen of the United States — that he intended to stay two or three years longer in Africa and then return to the United States where he has business interests — that he voted in Powersville, Putnam Co., Mo., before going to Africa and is still eligible to vote at that place.

That his loss is entirely his own property, no one else having any claim thereto; that his claim is just and true and is still due and unpaid.

Claimant further states that he did not assist in any way the enemies of the British Authorities, but was a peaceable resident and trader, and in every way comported himself as a gentleman and comported himself in an orderly manner — as shown by his pass ports from one point to another. He was born in Russia.

Isaac Liondore

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year first above written.

I certify that I am well acquainted with the affiant; that he is a credible person, and that he is accounted honest and upright.

I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of his claim.

My term as Notary will expire May 15-1903.

Joe Mills,
Notary Public

Affidavit of
Isaac Liondore
in his claim
The British Government
for loss of goods
in South Africa.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSOURI

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,

COUNTY OF

Putnam

September 1897 TERM 1897



Be it Remembered, That on the 6th day of September 1897 One Thousand eight hundred and Ninety seven Isaac Liondore a native of the Empire of Russia came into Court and made application to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that more than six years ago the said Isaac Liondore made oath before a Clerk of the Circuit Court on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that it was his intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Power, Prince, Personate, State and Sovereignty whatever, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Power, Prince, Potentate, State and Sovereignty, Whosoever and Particularly all allegiance and fidelity to Nicholas the Emperor of Russia, and it being proven to the Court by the testimony of M. E. Weinstein and James A. Long residents of the United States who were examined on their oaths as witnesses that the said Isaac Liondore has resided continuously within the United States five years and one year, at least, immediately preceding this application, in the State of Missouri, and that during this time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, and thereupon the said Isaac Liondore made oath that he would support the Constitution of the United States, and that he does, absolutely and positively, renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Power, Prince, Personate, State and Sovereignty whatever, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Power, Prince and Potentate, State and Sovereignty Whosoever and Particularly all allegiance and fidelity to Nicholas the Emperor of Russia, and thereupon the Court admits the said Isaac Liondore to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF Putnam

I Martin Coleman Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County of Putnam and State of Missouri do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the order of said Court touching the naturalization of Isaac Liondore as the same now remains of record in my office. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court as office in the City of Unionville this Ninth day of January A.D. One Thousand Eight Nine Hundred and Two

Martin Coleman

Circuit Clerk

PLEASE BUREAU
PLEASE REPORT.

ASST. SECRETARY
MAY 14 1902

No. I44

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 6, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Whereabouts of John A. Doherty

Copy to
William Doherty
Acting Secy
May 20
1902

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No. I44



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 6, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No I42 under date of Feb'y 3rd. ~~re~~ the whereabouts of Mr John A. Doherty, I beg to state that I learn from Consul Hollis at Lourenco Marques as follows:-

"John A. Doherty left Delagoa Bay on April

"11th 1890 with the Ambulance of Capt O'Conner

"I have no trace of him since"

I beg to say that no communication exists at present between Pretoria and Johannesburg and the Boer Commandoes nor is there any possible way to obtain the names of those joining the Boer forces.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Graham

Acting United States Consul

no 8



No. 145

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 13, 1902 , 189 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

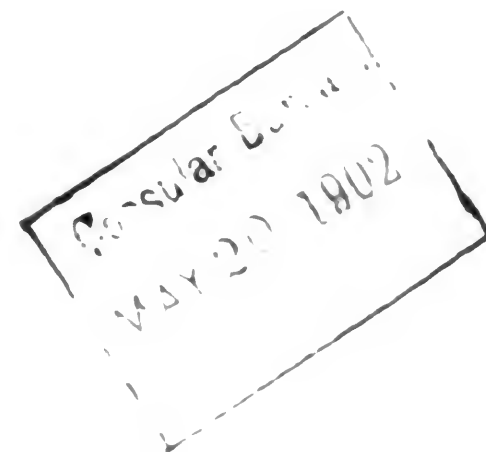
Subject:

Re present whereabouts of Harry Rubenstein

File
This information
sent to Hon
Henry Burk
Apr 17 1902

Abstract of Contents.

Stating that Harry Rubenstein is serving sentence
for theft on the Cape Town Breakwater.



Apr 17

No. I 45

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 13, 1902. , 189 .

Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.


Sir:

Referring to despatch No I 32 under date Nov. 23rd. 1901 re the whereabouts of Harry Rubenstein, I have the honor to say that answering my enquiry to the Consul General at Cape Town. Mr Bigham informs me that he has notified the Department that Harry Rubenstein is working on the Breakwater at Cape Town as a prisoner, serving a sentence for theft. He has a year more to serve.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.


Acting United States Consul.

No. 146



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 13, 1902. , 189 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

File

Subject:

Regarding answers sent Director of Mint re
Coinage etc. of this country for 1901.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 13, 1902, 189 .

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No. 2 under date of Jan. 15th. re Interrogations regarding Coinage and Consumption of Gold and Silver etc. in this country.

I have the honor to report that I have just succeeded in getting the data and have forwarded same to the Director of the Mint.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. G. Foster

Acting United States Consul.

No. 147

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 13, 1902.



Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re the issue of a Consular Certificate.

Ans
May 26
1902

Abstract of Contents.

Asked for by the Commissioner of Police
and stating it would facilitate police work greatly.



No. I47

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 13, 1902. 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third. Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

At request of the Commissioner of Police of this country the various consuls agreed to issue a certificate as per the form enclosed.

The Commissioner stated that it would facilitate the police greatly in their duties, that the holder of such a certificate would be respected and have a greater immunity from arrest than if not being in possession of such.

He stated that frequently persons were arrested and claimed some foreign nationality but that their passports were too large to carry with them etc. It was desired to have a small certificate printed in the English language and be of uniform size and appearance so that the police could be made familiar with it easily.

In the case of American Citizens, I first put to their passport in order according to regulation and then issue this certificate, no one receiving a certificate whose passport is not less than two years old.

I would be glad to have your ruling on this

(Over)

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this matter, bearing in mind please that we are
living or rather existing under Martial Law with
its attendant ills,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Gordon.

Acting United States Consul.

CONSULAR CERTIFICATE.

2000 No.

This is to Certify that the Bearer

John Jones

25 Van Wallegh St.

is registered as an American Citizen

with wife and four minors at this Consulate.

Signature,

Johannesburg, _____ 1902.

John Jones.

Witness Agt.

Argus Co.—5231

No. I48

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 22, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

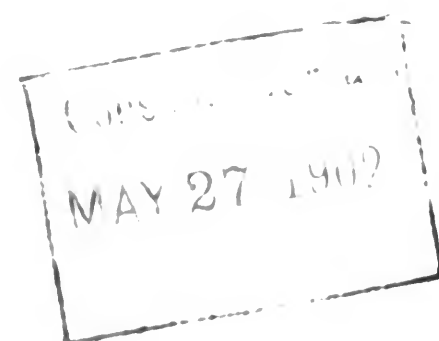
Subject:

Re deportation to India of Patrick Lennon.

To Ceylon
Ackd by form
May 29
1902

Abstract of Contents.

Stating that Lennon was a member of the
Irish Brigade.



No. I48

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 22, 1902. , 190

Honorable Alvey A. Adee.

Second Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No I45 of 10th ult. re Patrick Lennon.

I beg to report that I know the gentleman and would say that he was deported from this country by the British Authorities because he was a member of the Irish Brigade and had been in the field with the Boer Forces.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. G. G. G.

Acting United States Consul.

No. 149

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 22, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Asking that a copy of Army and Navy list be sent to the Pretoria Consulate.

Abstract of Contents.

*Army & Navy
May 28 '1902.
Army Register sent
Oct 20 '02*



No 149



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 22, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Will you kindly have sent to me a Navy and also an Army list.

People are arriving in this country now, and making various pretensions which I desire to verify as far as the Army and Navy ~~list~~ is concerned at least.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. G. G. G.

Acting United States Consul.

No. 150

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 30, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Report in deportation of Edward Rothfuchs

Abstract of Contents.

Stating that very little data can be obtained but that he apparently had no desire to leave the country and had been neutral.

John N. Howard
Oct 29

20 Great Miller
June 11

Consular Bureau.
JUN 7 1902

No. I 50

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 30, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No I 31 under date of Nov. 2nd. last, ~~re~~ arrest and deportation of Edward Rothfuchs. I have the honor to report that I have been able to find but one person who knew Mr Rothfuchs and he informed me that the gentleman was arrested in the Moss Grill Room with many others and deported from the country. That he had always remained neutral and did not desire to leave the country.

In the list handed the Consular Agent at Johannesburg a name appears which may have been meant for Rothfuchs but as the name mentioned was not known to the Agent, no action was taken.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. J. Graham

Acting United States Consul

*I may add that Moss' Grill Room is a
reputable restaurant*

No. 151

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 30, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

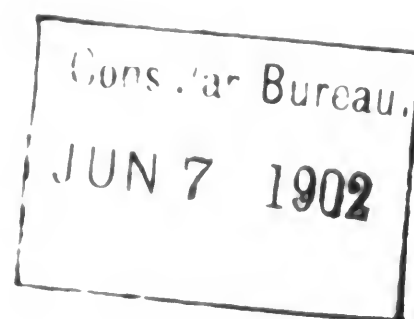
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Appointment of Mr H.F. Gill as Acting. Consular
Agt. at Bloemfontein.

Abstract of Contents.

Stating that such appointment was made Feb'y.
11th. 1902.



No. 151

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria April 30, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H. Poirer,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.


Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of
despatch No 147 under date of Mar. 21, re the appoint-
ment of Mr H. T. Gill as Acting Consul Agent at
Bloemfontein and beg to say that the appointment
was made on February 11, 1902.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



Acting United States Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.



No. 152

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 20, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

State Department Circular March 31st.

Ans
July 10
1902

Abstract of Contents.

Asking information re Administration of Estates
of American Citizens who die without will, relation
or partner.



No. 152

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 20, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that this office is just in receipt of Circular of March 31st re Acceptance of Appointment from Foreign Countries etc.

I beg to say that I have been appointed Curator Bonis in several instances where American citizens have died here without will, relations or partners. The first appointments were made by the Military Authorities, i.e. Military Governors of Pretoria and Johannesburg and later by the Resident Magistrate. At this writing it is impossible to settle estates although an Orphan Master has been appointed and but it is considered likely that permission will shortly be granted to administer all estates.

I wish to know if you desire me to transfer the administration of the estates in hand and what may be the Governments orders for such cases in the future.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Gram.

Acting United States Consul.

No. 153

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 20, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul))

To the Department of State.

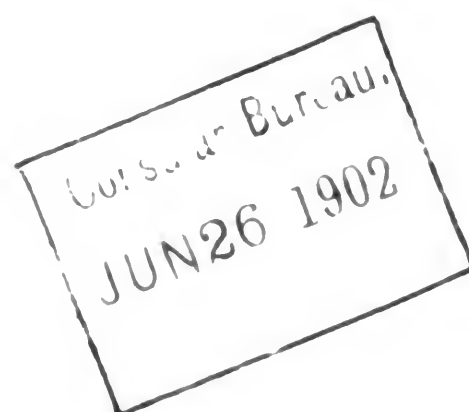
Subject:

Reports of death of John J. Kinney

John Davis Thomas

Abstract of Contents.

*acked by form
July 19/1902.*



No. 153



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 20, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith Reports
of Death of American Citizens in duplicate as follows

John J. Kinney

John Davis Thomas

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm. G. Loomis".

Acting United States Consul.

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NOTED AND PUBLISHED.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Portoria May 20 1902

Name: John J. Kinney

Native or naturalized: Native

Date of death: April 9th 1902

Place of death: Johannesburg Hospital

Cause of death: Diphtheria Toxemia, Fractured Ribs

Disposition of remains: Buried Johannesburg Cemetery.

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: none found

Address of family: Not known, deceased reported to be from Toronto, Penn.

Family notified: No

Accompanied by relatives: No

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

Book, pages 30.

Remarks:

[SEAL.]

Wm. J. Gaden

Acting Consul of the United States.

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Prinia

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. _____ in despatch

No. *153*.

May 20th, 190*2*.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Portoria May 20 1902.

CONSULAR SERVICE
NOTED AND PUBLISHED.

Name: John Davis Thomas

Native or naturalized: Native

Date of death: December 21st 1901

Place of death: Johannesburg Hospital

Cause of death: Delirium Tremens

Disposition of remains: Buried Johannesburg Cemetery

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: None

Address of family: Brother Salt Lake City and Son Helena Mont.

Family notified: Yes

Accompanied by relatives: No

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

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Remarks:

[SEAL.]

Wm D Gordon
Acting Consul of the United States.

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Portia

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

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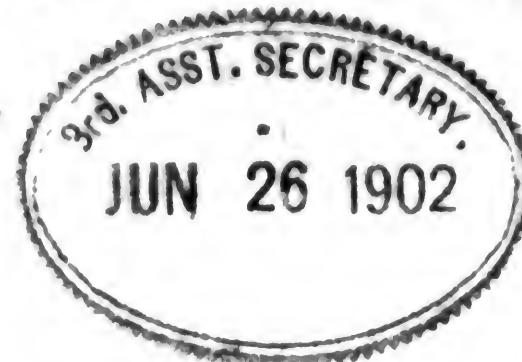
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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 20, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

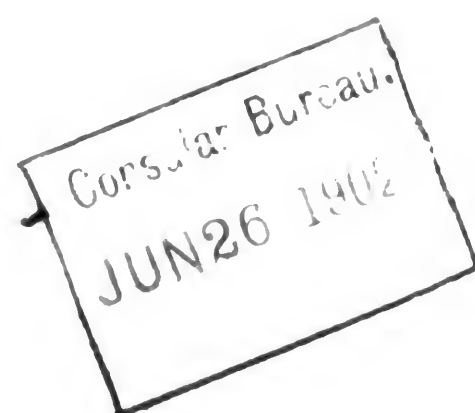
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Warning Americans not to come to Africa with
an idea of getting up country within any
reasonable time.

Abstract of Contents.

Given to
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Added by
from
June 30
1902



No. 154

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 20, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It occurs to me that Americans coming to Africa should know that although they may receive a permit to proceed to Coast Ports, they are likely to be kept for many months at the coast before receiving permission to proceed to the Transvaal, the objective point of most of them.

There are many American citizens waiting now, some of whom have been there two years and over. The Administration seems bent on keeping all Americans out who are not Refugees ~~ei~~, those who formerly lived in the country and left here between April and December 1899.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Ford

Acting United States Consul.

No. 155



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 27, 1902. . 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Rec'd, Bu. Accts.

Subject:

Enclosing returns and accounts for Pretoria,
Johannesburg and Bloemfontein for quarter
ending March 31st. 1902.

Abstract of Contents.

No. 155

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 27, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith all returns and accounts for this Consulate and the Johannesburg and Bloemfontein Agencies for the quarter ending March 31st 1902.

These have not been sent before because I was awaiting your favor of Apr.9th.explaining the difference between my statement and the amount cabled me to draw. I did not wish to repeat an error.

By this mail the Natal Bank will forward drafts for expenses amounting to \$230.33, also for salary amounting to \$461.00. Both are drawn on the Secty of State which I understand from yours of April 9th. to be what you require.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm D. Gordon.

Acting United States Consul

No. 156

CONSULAR BUREAU,



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 27, 1902. , 190

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

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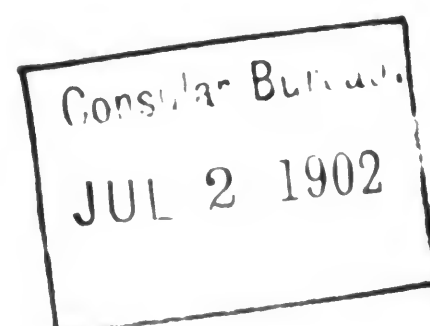
Re the late Howard Bernard Dunn's effects

Copy to
S C Dwyer
Ackd by
Jm
July 3 1902

Abstract of Contents.

States that pay and gratuity can be had by applying
to Secty of State for War London.

That cost of removing body as far as Great Britain
would be about \$1000.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 27, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No 140 under date Jan.

27th. re the late Howard Bernard Dumm I have the honor to report as follows.

The sum of £70:18:5 was due as pay at the time of death and a further sum of £7:10:0 as a special war gratuity will be paid on application. Communication should be made with the Secty of State for War, London, whence the account has been transferred. The personal effects were forwarded under registered cover to Dr S.C. Dumm 1499 No. High St. Columbus Ohio.

Deceased died at No 31 British Stationary Hospital, Klerksdorp, and was buried in the cemetery there. He was admitted to hospital on Dec. 6th. 1901 and died on the 20th. day of Dec. 1901. from a very severe attack of Enteric Fever. He did not make any statement nor leave any will or papers before his death took place.

I have written to the Civil Authorities of Klerksdorp under whose supervision the removal of the body would come but to the present no answer, Will notify you when I hear.

The cost of the removal of the body from
Klerksdorp to Great Britain would be about a
\$1000.00 to this must be added the cost of taking
the remains from Great Britain to Columbus.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D. Ford

Acting United States Consul

No. 157

CONSULAR BUREAU.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 27, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Travelling expenses between Pretoria and
Johannesburg.

Abstract of Contents.



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No. 157

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May, 27. 1902.

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Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch No 151 under date of Apr. 14th. re traveling expenses between Johannesburg and Pretoria and beg to say that I have kept no actual account of same.

I have made since January 17th. 1901, seventy two trips, to the end of this quarter it will number seventy seven, In almost every instance the visit has been of two days duration, though a few times I remained but a day and at others three days. I believe a computation of two days would be fair. My hotel expenses are about 22/6 per day and cabs, tips etc about seven or eight shillings per trip. I secured a pass on the railroad, hence have not been obliged to pay fare. Therefore ~~exclusion~~ of R.R. Fare which is 18/6 for the return trip. I have been obliged to spend about \$12.90 per trip or a total to the end of June 1902 of \$993.30.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Gordon

Acting United States Consul

No. 158

CONSULAR BUREAU.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 27, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re the estate of the late Morris William Goodman.

Abstract of Contents.

Copy to
J C Wells
Ackd by him
July 31 1902
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No. 158

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria May 27, 1902. , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch No 152 under date April 16th. re the estate of the late Morris William Goodman, and beg to say that this estate would have been turned over to the Orphan Master on Saturday last had it not been a legal holiday. It will be done to-morrow, as soon as I return to Johannesburg.

Martial Law still being supreme no provision has yet been made for the administration of estates ^{having} ~~of~~ a value of over £100 and therefore it is impossible to say when a distribution will take place.

If Mr Weeks had seen fit to apply to this office instead of writing to Auctioneers, the Police Department and others in Johannesburg, he could have learned the situation long ago.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. G. Adams

United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 3, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

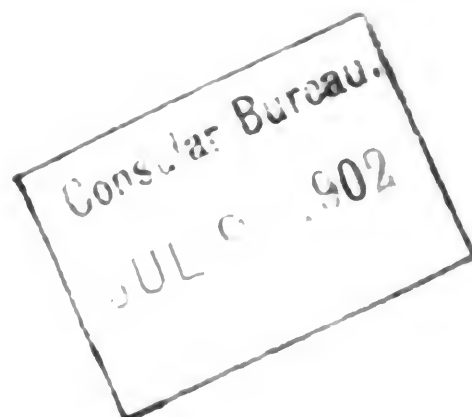
Subject:

Enclosing P.O. Order for 7/3 in payment for
postage advanced on book for W.D. Gordon.

Abstract of Contents.

*Please get out
correspondence
refer to W.D. Morris*

*Ans
order
returned
July 10
1902*



No. 159

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 3, 1902

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Honorable Herbert H D Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch No 149 under date of March 24th re insufficiently prepaid postage on package I beg to state that same has come to hand and to thank you for having forwarded.

I find the book to be a collection of views of the Buffalo Exposition which some friend has sent me and of a value of 25 cts/. As it is purely a private affair I beg to enclose herewith Post Office Money Order for 7/3.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm D Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

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Pretoria June 3, 1902

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

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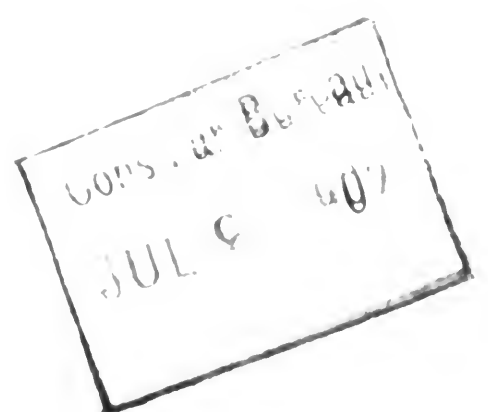
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re typewriter the property of the War Department.

Abstract of Contents.

As this Consulate has no typewriter of its own,
asking that a transfer be made from the War to
the State Department for the machine now in use
here.



No. 160

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 3, 1902.

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I find that the typewriter which belonged to this Consulate was either given away or loaned by some predecessor of Mr Hay's and the machine, which has been in use belongs to Mr Hawley who stored it at the Consulate for safe keeping at the outbreak of the war. This gentleman has now returned and claimed his property.

An Underwood Typewriter was brought out by Capt. Reichmann of the 17th. Infantry, when U.S. Attache to the Burgher Forces, for some reason or other the machine was left behind and we now have it. Capt. Reichmann is writing for the typewriter and it occurs to me that possibly the State and War Departments can make a transfer, releasing Capt. Reichmann and allowing the typewriter to remain in this office.

When taking over the office I did not give Mr Hay a receipt for a typewriter as part of the belongings. At that time he told me that either Mr Hollis or Mr Macrum had given or lent the machine to Mr Webster Davis and that he, Mr Hay would take the matter up with the Department upon his return to Washington, but to the present time I have heard nothing regarding the matter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Jordan

Acting United States Consul.

No. 161

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 3, 1902

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Report of death of Langhorne Heath.

Abstract of Contents.

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July 19, 1902.*

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No. 161



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 3, 1902.

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith Report of Death
of Langhorne Heath in duplicate.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

CONSUL-IP BUREAU
NOTED AND PUBLISHED

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Portonia June 3rd 1902.Name: Raughome HeathNative or naturalized: nativeDate of death: May 4th 1902Place of death: Tofarshin Hotel, JohanneburgCause of death: Heart FailureDisposition of remains: Buried Johanneburg Cemetery

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: Sold at auction at Robinson Dep, Ltd.expenses of funeral paid and balance, about \$25, will be sent to sister of deceased, Miss Virginia D Heath, residing in San Francisco.Address of family: San Francisco, Calif.Family notified: Yes, by Mr. Stubbs, Genl Mgr Robinson Dep Ltd.Accompanied by relatives: no

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

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Remarks:

[SEAL.]

L. J. Jordan

Acting Consul of the United States.

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Paloma

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. _____ in despatch

No. 161.

June 3rd, 1902.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Portoria, June 3rd 1902.

Name: Langhorne Heath

Native or naturalized: Native

Date of death: May 4th 1902

Place of death: Profarshin Hotel, Johannesburg

Cause of death: Heart Failure

Disposition of remains: Buried Johannesburg Cemetery

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects: Sold at auction at Robinson Dep Ltd.

Expenses of funeral paid and balance about £25, will
be sent to sister of deceased, Miss Virginia D. Heath
residing in San Francisco

Address of family: San Francisco, Calif.

Family notified: Yes, by Mr. Stubbs, Genl Mgr Robinson Dep Ltd.

Accompanied by relatives: No

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

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Remarks: 32

[SEAL.]

Wm D. Gordon
Acting Consul of the United States

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Pretoria

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

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June 3rd, 1902

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 10, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

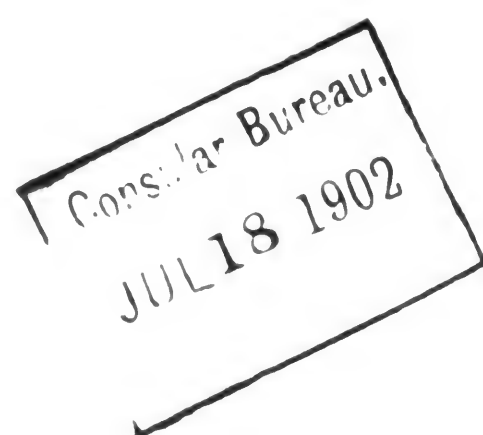
Subject:

Re horses and trap used by Mr A.S. Hay when U.S.
Consul at Pretoria.

Abstract of Contents.

States that no money was paid for horses, that
Mr R.W. Chapin can give details of agreement and
that in no event is the late Mr Hay's estate
liable.

*Copy to Charles
E. Macrum
Ack'd by him
July 19
1902*



No. 162

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 10 1902.

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch #156 under date May 2nd/ re two horses and a trap delivered by Mr Hollis to the late Mr A.S. Hay.

The horses and trap were the property of Mr J.C. Manion or of the firm of Chapin & Manion of Johannesburg. Mr Chapin made an agreement with Mr Macrum to take the outfit under his protection and Mr Macrum asked me as Consular Agent to send them over to Pretoria. I received the animals and buggy from Mr Preussner then representing Messrs Chapin & Manion (Mr Chapin having left Johannesburg in the meantime) and in order to further protect the property had Mr Preussner make out a receipt for the outfit, this was done, but no money passed whatever.

In a book which I find in this Consulate since writing Mr Hollis on the subject I find the following A/C :-

1899				1 S d
Oct. 7	To amount as per bill paid by C.E. Macrum			I76: 0:: 0
Nov 30	Sundries as per bill of J. Verhage	do		I: II: 0
Nov 8	Sundries as do Greatrex	do		II: 0
Oct 27	do do do do			<u>II: 6: 0</u>
Dec 14	To total and pd by Macrum			<u>I89: I5: 0</u>
do 18	To forage bought by Nelson and			
	pd for by W.S. Hollis			II: I6: 3
do 18	TO stable Boy I week do			I0: 0
do 20	do discharged do			5: 0

L s d

Dec 26	To Horse Medicine	II: 0
do 28	To Shoeing Horses	10 : 0
do 30	TO Horse Doctor	I: 5: 6
31	To Frank, horse boy to date 1/3 month	I: 0: 0

1900

Jan 2	To Horse Shoes	5: 0
do 3	do do	I4: 6
do 4	To bran & whip	I: 8: _6
do 13	TO Medicine bought by Frank (Cash paid to Frank)	I3: 6
do 15	do J. Peacock	6: 6
do 25	To Horse Doctor	5: 0
do		
do 31	To J. Verhage	4: I: 6

Feb 1	To G. Greatrex & Son	2: I: 6
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do I To Frank Horse Boy to Feby. 1st

do food

24 tins beef a 9d I8:0

I4 tins syrup I7:6

Rice I6:0

2: II: 6

22I: 0; 3

I do not remember of ever having heard the conditions of this transaction but you could probably learn them from Mr R. W. Chapin whose address you can secure from the Ingersoll Sergeant Drill Co of New York.

The horses were in bad condition at the time Mr Hay took them over, he put them under the care of a veterinary surgeon and hired another team but as soon as these horses were fit to drive he used them and continued the use of them until his departure when the horses, and phaeton were turned over to the owner, through Mr Preussner. Since that time one of the horses have died and I understand the other is sick.

It may be possible that according to agreement Messrs Chapin & Manion are liable for the difference between L22I:0¹/₃ and L I76:0:0 or L 45:0:3 plus the amounts paid out by Mr Hay for keep of the horses during the twelve months that he used them (of which I find no record of expense) and if they are I

I shall be pleased to follow your instructions in the matter.

At any rate, according to the record I find here Messrs
acrum and Hollis paid out but L 45:0:3 between them/ I am pre-
pared to make an affidavit re the L I76:0:0 item and presume I can
btain another from Mr Preussner who is still in Johannesburg.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm. D. Gram." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 10, 1902. , 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re claim of Edward Rothfuchs against the
British Government.

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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch # 155 under date May 1st re claim of Edward Rothfuchs against the British Government and beg to say that a report in the case was sent on Apr. 30th and is probably in your hands at this time.

I would point out, in many instances the personnel of whole neighborhoods and communities has changed since the British occupation and therefore it is almost impossible to secure any data and in this case such happened, I learned of a man who knew Rothfuchs, he had removed to Pretoria ^{from Johannesburg} and I saw him but a or two before he died.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

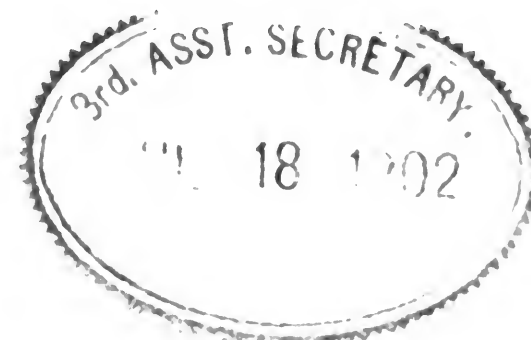
Your obedient servant,

Wm. D. Peirce

Acting United States Consul

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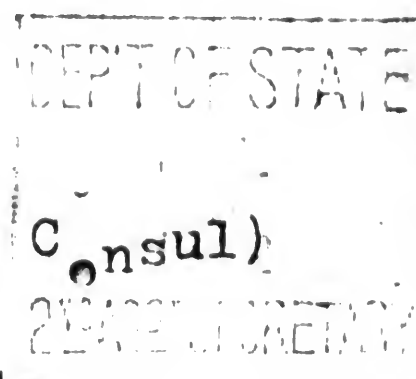
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Subject:

Peace Proclamation between Great Britain and
The South African Republics.

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Encloses the terms of Peace published and also that not
published.



No. 164

Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Pieterse,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

For information of the Department I have the honor to
enclose herewith:-

Copy of the Transvaal Government Gazette Extraordinary
of June 3rd containing the Conditions of Peace as published, also
the following papers in Dutch with a translation of same which
^{are}
~~was~~ not published.

MANIFESTO TO BURGHERS STILL IN THE FIELD.

LETTER OF MESSRS SCHALK BURGER AND LOUIS BOTHA TO BURGHERS
NOTICE REGARDING REBELS.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,

W. G. J. J. J. J.

Acting United States Consul.

BESLUIT VAN 'T VOLKS CONGRES TE VEREENIGING

genomen op

ZATERDAG, den 31sten MEI 1902.

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Deze vergadering van Volksvertegenwoordigers voor beide de Z.A.R. en O.V.S. gehouden te Vereeniging van 15 Mei tot 31 Mei, 1902, heeft met leedwezen kennis genomen van het voorstel door Z.M.Regering gedaan in verband met het beëindigen van de bestaande vyandelykheden en van hare mededeeling dat dit voorstel onveranderd moet goed- of afgekeurd worden. Zy betreurt het dat Z.M.Regering absoluut geweigerd heeft met de Regeringen der Republieken te onderhandelen op de basis onzer onafhankelykheid of onze Regeringen toe te laten met onze Deputatie in communicatie te komen. Ons Volk heeft toch steeds gemeend dat met alleen op grond van Recht maar ook van de groote en stoffelyke en persoonlyke opofferingen voor zyne onafhankelykheid gebracht, het eens gegronde aanspraak op die onafhankelykheid heeft.

Deze Vergadering heeft den toestand van ons Land en Volk ernstig overwogen en heeft vooral op de volgende feiten gelat:-

1. Dat de Krygspolitiek door de Britsche Militaire

authoriteiten gevolgd geleid heeft tot de algehele verwoesting van het grondgebied der beiden Republieken, met afbranding van plaatsen en dorpen, vernieling van alle middelen van bestaan en uitputting van alle hulpbronnen noodig voor het onderhoud onzer families, het bestaan onzer legermach - ten en het voortzetten van den oorlog.

2. Dat het plaatsen onzer gevangen families in de Concentra - tie Kampen geleid heeft tot een ongehoorden toestand van lyden en ziekte, zoodat in betrekkelijke korten tyd ongeveer 20,000 onzer dierbaren aldaar gestorven zyn, en het afgry - zelyke voortuitzicht ontstaan is, dat by voortzetting van den oorlog ons gansche geslacht op die wyze zal kunnen uit - sterven.

3. Dat de Kafferstammen buiten en binnen de grenzen van het grondgebied der beide Republieken meest allen gewapend zyn en deel nemen in den Stryd tegen ons en door het plegen van moorden en het aanrichten van allerhande gruweldaden een onbestaanbaren toestand in vele districten der beide Repu - blieken veroorzaken, zooals nog onlangs gebeurd is in het district Vryheid, alwaar 56 burgers op gruwelyke wyze by dezelfde gelegenheid vermoord en verminkt werden.

4. Dat door proclamatie van den vyand waaraan hy reeds begonnen is uitvoering te geven, de nog vechtende burgers bedreigd worden met het verlies van al hun los en vast

eigendom,

eigendome, en dus met totalen stoffelyken ondergang.

5. Dat het door de omstandigheden van den Kryg voor ons reeds z lang onmogelyk is geworden de vele duizenden Krysgesvangenen door onze Krygmachten genomen aan te houden, en dat wy dus betrekelyk weinig schade aan de Britsche legermachten kunnen aanbrengen, terwyl de burgers die gevangen worden door de Britsche legermachten buitlands gezonden worden, en dat na 't woeden van den oorlog voor byna drie jaren er slechts een gering gedeelte overblyft van de stryd-machten waarmede wy den oorlog zyn begonnen.

6. Dat dit strydeend overblyfsel, hetwelk maar een klein minderheid van ons geheel volk vormt, te vechten heeft tegen een overweldigende overmacht des vyands, en bovendien in een feitelyken toestand van hongersnood en ontbering van noodzakelyke levensbehoeften verkeert, en dat niettegenstaande het aanwenden onzer uiterste pogingen en het opofferen van alles dat ons lief en dierbaar was, wy niet redelyker wyze op een eventuele overwinning kunnen uitzien.

Deze Vergadering is dus van meening dat er geen redelyke grond is te wachten dat door het voortzetten van den oorlog het volk zyne onafhaukelykheid zal blyven behouden, en beschouwdt, dat onder de omstandigheden het volk niet gerechtvaardigd is met den oorlog voort te gaan, daar zulke alleen kan strekken, tot den maatschappelyk en stoffelyk

ondergang niet allen van ons, maar van ons geslacht.

Gedrongen door bovenstaande omstandigheden en beweegredenen draagt deze Vergadering beiden Regeeringen op het voorstel van Z. M. Regeering aan te nemen, en namens het volk der beide Republieken hetzelfde te onderteekenen.

Deze Vergadering van afgevaardigden drukt haar vertrouwen uit, dat de toestanden thans in het leven geroepen door de aanneming van het voorstel van Z. M. Regeering spoedig op die wyze mogen verbeterd worden, dat ons volk daardoor zal geraken tot 't genieten van die voorrechten waarop het op grond niet alleen van zyn verleden maar ook van zyn offeringen in dezen oorlog rechtmatig aanspraak meent te kunnen maken.

Deze Vergadering heeft met genoegen kennis genomen van het besluit van Z. M. Regeering om eens grote mate van Amnestie toe te kennen aan die Britsche soldaten die de wapens aan onzen kant hebben opgenomen, en aan die door handen van bloed en eer verbonden zyn, en drukt den wensch uit dat het Zyne Majesteit moge behagen deze Amnestie nog verder uit te breiden.

RESOLUTION OF THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS TAKEN ON
SATURDAY THE 31st MAY 1902.

This Meeting of Representatives of the People of both the S.A.R. and O.F.S. held at Vereeniging from 15th May to 31st May 1902 has with great regret taken notice of the proposal made by H M Government in connection with the conclusion of the existing hostilities, and of its intimation that such proposal must be either accepted or rejected without any alteration. It regrets that H M Government has absolutely refused to negotiate with the Governments of the Republics on the basis of our independence or to allow our Governments to get into communication with our Deputation. But our People have always held that not only on the ground of right but also because of the great material and personal sacrifices made for their independence, they have a wellfounded claim to such independence.

This Meeting has seriously considered the condition of our land and People and has particularly noticed the following facts:

1. That the War policy pursued by the British Military authorities has led to the complete laying waste of the territories of both Republics, the burning of farms and towns, the destruction of all means of existence and the exhaustion of all means necessary for the maintenance of our families and of our forces and for the carrying on of the war.
2. That the placing of our families in the Concentration Camps has led to an unheard-of condition of deaths and disease, so that in a relatively short time about 20,000 of our dear ones have died there, and the dreadful prospect arises that by carrying on the war our whole race will die out.
3. That the kaffir tribes within and beyond the boundaries

of the territories of both Republics are mostly armed and take part in the war against us, and by the commission of murders and the effecting of all kinds of atrocities have caused an unbearable state of things in many districts of both Republics, such as lately occurred in the district of Vrijheid where 56 burghers were on the same occasion atrociously murdered and mutilated.

4. That by proclamations of the enemy, to which he is already giving effect, the still-fighting burghers are threatened with the loss of all their movable and immovable property and consequently with total material destruction.

5. That through the circumstances of the war it has long since become impossible for us to retain the many thousands of prisoners taken by our Forces and we therefore can cause relatively small loss to the British forces, while the burghers captured by the British forces are sent abroad, and that through ~~of~~ the raging of the war for nearly three years there remains but a small portion of the fighting forces with which the war was commenced.

6. That such fighting remnant, which forms but a small minority of our whole race, has had to fight an overwhelming superior-force of the enemy, and above all are suffering under an actual state of hunger and want of all necessaries of life, and that notwithstanding the exertion of our utmost attempts and the sacrifice of everything that was sweet and dear to us we cannot reasonably expect an eventual victory.

This Meeting is therefore of opinion that there is no reasonable ground to expect that the People will get their independence by the carrying on of the war, and considers that under the circumstances the People are not justified in continuing the war, as such can only lead to the personal and material destruction of not only ourselves but also of our posterity

Compelled by the above circumstances and motives, this

Meeting

Meeting instructs both Governments to accept the proposal of h
H M Government and to sign same on behalf of the People of both
Republics.

This Meeting of representatives expresses its confidence
that the circumstances called into existence by the acceptance
of the proposal of H M Government may soon in this way be im-
proved, and that thereby our People shall attain to the n enjoy-
ment of those privileges to which they deem themselves entitled
not only by reason of their past but also by reason of the
sacrifices made by them during this war.

This Meeting has with satisfaction taken notice of the de-
cision of H M Government to grant a large measure of amnesty to
the British subjects who took up arms on our side and to whom
we are bound in blood and honour, and expresses the wish that
His Majesty may see fit to further extend such amnesty.

Zijne Majesteits Regeering moet het formeel te boek stellen dat de behandeling van Kolonisten van Natal en de Kaap Kolonie, die in opstand geweest zijn, en die zich nu overgeven, zal, bij hun terugkeer naar hunne Kolonies, door de Koloniale Regeeringen bepaald worden, in overeenstemming met de wetten van de Kolonies, en dat alle Britische onderdanen, die zich bij den vijand aangesloten hebben, onderhevig zullen zijn om terecht te staan onder de wet van dat deel van het Britische Rijk waaraan zij behooren.

Zijne Majesteits Regeering is bericht door de Regeering van de Kaap Kolonie dat hare zienswijze met betrekking tot de termen, die aangeboden behooren te worden aan Britische onderdanen van de Kaap Kolonie, die nu nog in het veld zijn of die zich overgegeven hebben of gevangen zijn genomen sedert den 12den April 1901, als volgt is: Met betrekking tot de manschappen, dat zij allen, bij hun overgave, nadat zij hunne wapenden neergelegd hebben, een document zullen teekenen voor den Resident Magistraat van het distrikt waarin de overgave plaats vindt, in hetwelk zij zich schuldig erkennen aan Hoogverraad, en dat hun straf, mits zij zich niet schuldig gemaakt hebben aan moord of andere daden tegenstrijdig met de gewoonten van beschaafd oorlogvoeren, zal zijn dat zij levenslang niet gerechtigd zullen zijn om geregistreerd te worden als stemgerechtigden of op een Parlementaire, Afdeelingsraad of Municipale electie te stemmen.

Met betrekking tot Vrederechters en Veldcornetten van de Kaap Kolonie en alle andere personen die eene ambtelijke betrekking bekleedden onder de Regeering der Kaap Kolonie, of die den rang van Commandant van Rebel- of Burgermachten hebben, zij zullen wegens Hoogverraad terecht staan voor het gewone Hof van

het land, of voor zoodanig Speciaal Hof als later wettelijk in het leven zal worden geroepen. De straffen voor hunne misdaden te worden gelaten aan de discretie van het hof mit dit voorbehoud, dat in geen geval de doodstraf toegepast zal worden.

De Regeering van Natal is van meening dat Rebellen behandeld moeten worden volgens de wet der Kolonie.

T R A N S L A T I O N .

His Majesty's Government must formally record it that the treatment of the Colonists of Natal and the Cape Colony who have been in rebellion and who now surrender, will, on their return to their colonies, be fixed by the Colonial Governments in conformity with the laws of the Colonies, and that all British subjects who have joined the enemy will be subject to be tried by the law of that part of the British Kingdom to which they belong.

His Majesty's Government is informed by the Government of the Cape Colony that its opinion with regard to the terms which should be offered to British subjects of the Cape Colony who are still in the field or have been captured since the 12th April 1902, is as follows: With regard to the men [privates], that they shall on their surrendering and after they have laid down their arms, sign a document before the Resident Magistrate of the district in which they surrender takes place wherein they acknowledge themselves guilty of High Treason, and that their punishment, if they have not been guilty of murder or of other acts contrary to the usages of civilized warfare, will be that they during lifetime will not be entitled to be registered as qualified to vote or to vote at any Parliamentary, Divisional Council or Municipal election.

With regard to Justices of the Peace and Fieldcornets of the Cape Colony and all other persons who held an official position under the Government of the Cape Colony or who hold the rank of Commandant of Rebel or Burgher Forces, they shall be tried for High Treason before the ordinary Court of the country or before such ^{Court} Special Court as may be called into existence. The punishments for their misdeeds to be left to the discretion

of the Court, with this proviso that in no case will the death sentence be carried out.

The Government of Natal is of opinion that Rebels must be treated according to the law of the Colony.

O P E N B R I E F

Aan alle Officiëren, Ambtenaren en Burgers der Z. A. R. die tot hiertoe hun plicht aan Land en Volk trouw hebben betracht

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Mede Broeders en Landgenoten;

Wy gevoelen het onze plicht een woord van dank en afscheid aan **III** te richten by het beeindigen van onzen stryd.

Het is onze pl~~ic~~ht U in kennis te stellen dat er nu vrede gesloten is op de wyze en termen zoo als uiteengezet in de Overeenkomst door beide Regeeringen te worden geteekend en op de gronden uiteengezet in het besluit heden door de Volksvergadering te Vereeniging genomen.

Wy zeggen U hartelyk dank voor uwen heldenmoed, voor uw opofferen van zooveel dat U lief en dierbaar was, voor uwe gehoorzaamheid, en voor uwe getrouwe plichtsvervulling wat alles tot eer en roem voor het Afrikaansche Volk strekt.

Wy bevelen U allen aan in die vrede te berusten en U stil en rustig te gedragen en de Nieuwe Regeering te gehoorzamen en te eerbiedigen.

Verder stellen wy U in kennis dat door de afgevaardigden van beide landen een Hoofd Comite is benoemd met het doel geld en middelen te verkrygen om zoo veel mogelyk in de behoeften te voorzien van de Weduwen en Wezen, wier echtgenoten en vaders hun leven in den stryd voor vryheid en

en recht gegeven hebben, doch wier nagedachtenis in onze geschiedenis zal blyven voort leven. Wy betuigen ook by deze onze hartelyke sympathie aan die treurenden, & biddende dat de Heer hun kracht naar kruis moge geven.

Wy moeten ook een woord van lof en dank brengen aan onze Vrouwen en Kinderen, die de bitterste opoffering en lyden met heldenmoed hebben gedragen.

Er is nu Vrede, en alhoewel niet een Vrede zoolas door ons verlangd, laten wy berusten in dien weg waarin God ons heeft geleid. Wy kunnen met een rein geweten verklaren dat ons Volk twee en een halve jaar een stryd heeft gevoerd op een wyze zooals byna is ongekend in de geschiedenis.

Laten wy elkander nu by de hand vatten voor den anderen grooten stryd die voor ons ligt, voor het heil en welzyn van ons Volk op geestelyk en maatschappelyk gebied, met ter zyde zetting van alle gevoel van bitterheid, en laten wy leeren te vergeten en te vergeven zoodat de diepe wonden in dezen oorlog aangebracht mogen genezen worden.

Vereeniging, 31st Mei 1902

S. W. Burger

Louis Botha.

O P E N L E T T E R

To all Officers, Officials and Burgers of the S.A.R. who have hitherto faithfully fulfilled their duty to Land and People.

Fellow Brothers and Compatriots,

We feel it our duty to convey a word of thanks and discharge to you on the conclusion of our struggle.

It is our duty to inform you that Peace has now been made in the manner and on the terms as are set out in the agreement to be signed by both Republics and on the grounds set out in the Resolution this day taken by the People's Meeting at Ver-eeniging.

We thank you heartily for your courage, for your sacrifice of so much that was sweet and dear to you, for your obedience, and your faithful fulfilment of your duty, all which tends to the honour and glory of the Afrikaner Race.

We command you all to acquiesce in this Peace and to carry yourselves quietly and peaceably and to obey and honour the New Government.

We further inform you that a Head Committee has been appointed by the deputies of both countries for the purpose of obtaining money and means to provide as much as possible for the requirements of the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers have given their lives in the struggle for freedom and right, but whose memory will always live in our history. We also hereby express our heartfelt sympathy to those mourners, praying that God may give them strength to bear it.

We have also to give a word of praise and thanks to our wives and children, who have borne the bitterest sacrifices and sufferings with courage.

Peace has now been made, and although not a Peace as wished for by us, let us remain in the path God has led us. We can declare with a pure conscience that for two and a half years our People have carried on a war in a manner almost unparelled in history.

Let us take each other by the hand for the other great struggle which lies before us, for the welfare and happiness of our People in spiritual and social prayer, with the laying aside of all feelings of bitterness, and let us learn to forget and forgive so that the deep wounds caused by this war may be healed.

Vereeniging, 31st May 1902.

S W Burger

Louis Botha

Generaal Lord Kitchener van Khartoum,

Opperbevelhebber

en

Zyne Excellentie Lord Milner

Hooge Commissaris

namens de Britsche Regering

en de HH. S. W. Burger, F. W. Reitz, Louis Botha, J. H. de

la Rey, L.J. Meyer en J. C. Krogh

handelende als de Regering der Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek

en

de H. H. M. T. Steyn, W. J. C. Brabner, C. R. de Wet, J. B.

H. Hertzog en C. H. Olivier

handelende als de Regering van den Oranje Vry Staat

namens hunne respectieve Burgers,

begeerig zynde de bestaande vyandelykheden op te houden,

kommen overeen op de volgende artikelen :-

1. De Burgermachten in het veld zullen dadelijk
hunne wapenen neerleggen met overhandiging van alle kanonnen,
geweren en oorlogsmateriaal in hun bezit of onder hun beheer,
en zullen zich weerhouden van eenig verdere tegenstand tegen
het Gezag van Zyne Majesteit Koning Eduard 7. dien zy
erkenneren als hun wettigen Souverein.

De wyze en byzonderheden van deze overgave zullen geregeld
worden tusschen Lord Kitchener en Commandant Generaal
Botha, Aest. Comdt. Generaal de la Rey en Hoofd Commandant
De Wet.

2. Burgers in het veld buiten de grenzen van den Transvaal en O. R. K. en alle krygsgevangenen thans buiten de grenzen Zuid Afrika, die burgers zyn, zullen, by het verklaren van hunne aanneming van den status van onderdanen van Z. M. Koning Eduard VII, trapegewyze naar hunne woningen teruggebracht worden zoodra vervoer verschaft en de middelen van hun bestaan verzekerd kan worden.

3. Den Burgers, die zich aldus overgeven, of die aldus terugkeeren, zal niet ontnomen worden hunne persoonlijke vryheid of hun eigendom.

4. Geene rechterlyke stappen, civiel of crimineel, zullen genomen worden tegen eenigen Burger, die zich aldus overgeeft of die aldus terugkeert, voor eenige daden in verband met het voeren van den oorlog. Het genot van deze clausula zal zich niet strekken tot zekere daden tegen strijdig met oorlogsgebruiken, welke door den Opperbevelhebber aan de Boeren Generaals medegedeeld zyn geworden, en welke door een Krygsgericht verhoord zullen worden dadelyk na het ophouden van vyandelykheden.

5. De Hollandsche Taal zal onderwezen worden in Publieke Scholen in de Transvaal en de Oranje Rivier Kolonie waar de ouderen der Kinderen zulks verlangen, en zal toegelaten worden in de Gerechtshoven wanneer dit noodig is voor

de betere en meer doeltreffende Administratie van Justitie.

6. Het bezit van rifles zal, by het uitnemen van eene licentie overeenkomstig Wet, toegelaten worden in de Transvaal en de O. R. K. aan personen, die ze noodig hebben voor hunne bescherming.

7. Militaire Administratie in den Transvaal en de O. R. K. zal op den vroegsten mogelyken datum opgevolgd worden door Civile Regeering, en zoodra omstandigheden het toelaten zullen Vertegenwoordigende Instellingen, uitlopende op Zelf Regeering, ingevoerd worden.

8. De kwestie van het schenken van het stemrecht aan Naturellen zal niet beslist worden dan na de invoering van Zelf Regeering.

9. Geene speciale belasting zal gelegd worden op vast eigendom in de Transvaal en de O. R. K. om de kosten van den oorlog te bestryken.

10. Zoodra de omstandigheden het toelaten, zal ~~men~~ eene Commissie, waarop de plaatselyke inwoners zullen vertegenwoordigd zyn, in elk Distrikt van den Transvaal en de O. R. K. aangesteld worden onder de voorzitterschap van een Magistraat of anderen ambtenaar, met het doel om behulpzaam te zyn in het terugbrengen van het Volk naar hunne woningen en in het verschaffen aan diegenen, die wegens oorlog ver-

lieden niet in staat zijn voor zichzelf te voorzien, van
voedsel, herberg, en de noodige hoeveelheid zand, vee, ge-
reedschappen, enz. onmisbaar voor het weder aanvaarden van
hun gewoon beroep.

Zyne Majesteits Regering zal een bedrag van drie mil-
lion pond sterling ter beschikking van deze Commissie stel-
len voor de bovengenoemde doeleinden, en zal toelaten dat alle
noten, uitgegeven krachtens Wet No. I -- 1900 van de Reger-
ing der S. A. S. en alle kwitanties, gegeven door de offi-
ciëren in het veld van de gewesene Republieken, of op hune
orders, aangeboden zullen worden aan een Rechterlyke Con-
missie die door de Regering zal worden, en indien zoodanige
noten en kwitanties door deze Commissie bevonden worden --
hoorlyk te zijn uitgegeven geweest, voor waardevolle consi-
deratie, zullen zij door de eerste genoemde Commissie aan-
gezien worden als bewijs van oorlogsverlezen geleden door
de personen aan wie zij oorspronkelijk gegeven werden.

Behalve de bovengenoemde vrije gift van drie millioen
pond, zal Zyne Majesteits Regering bereid zijn voorschotten
by wyze van leening voor dezelfde doeleinden te verstreken,
rentevry voor twee jaren, en daarna terugbetaalbaar over een
tydperk van jaren met drie per cent renten. Geen Britlander
of Rebel zal gerechtigd zijn tot het genot van deze Clausula.

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THE FOLLOWING NOTICE is hereby published for general information.

By Order of His Excellency the High Commissioner and Administrator of the Transvaal,

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary

3rd June, 1902. to the Transvaal Administration.

Army Headquarters, South Africa.

General Lord KITCHENER of Khartoum, Commanding-in-Chief, and His Excellency Lord MILNER, High Commissioner, on behalf of the BRITISH GOVERNMENT, and

Messrs S. W. BURGER, F. W. REITZ, LOUIS BOTHA, J. H. DE LA REY, L. J. MEYER, and J. C. KROGH, acting as the GOVERNMENT of the SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, and

Messrs W. J. C. BRENNER, C. H. DE WET, J. B. M. HERTZOG, and C. H. OLIVIER, acting as the GOVERNMENT of the ORANGE FREE STATE,

On behalf of their respective BURGHERS,

Desirous to terminate the present hostilities, agree on the following Articles:

1. The Burgher Forces in the Field will forthwith lay down their arms, handing over all guns, rifles, and munitions of war, in their possession or under their control, and desist from any further resistance to the authority of His Majesty King Edward VII., whom they recognise as their lawful Sovereign.

The manner and details of this surrender will be arranged between Lord Kitchener and Commandant-General Botha, Assistant Commandant-General de la Rey, and Chief Commandant de Wet.

2. Burghers in the field outside the limits of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, and all prisoners of war at present outside South Africa, who are Burghers, will, on duly declaring their acceptance of the position of subjects of His Majesty King Edward VII., be gradually brought back to their homes as soon as transport can be provided and their means of subsistence ensured.

3. The Burghers so surrendering or so returning will not be deprived of their personal liberty, or their property.

4. No proceedings, Civil or Criminal, will be taken against any of the Burghers so surrendering or so returning for any acts in connection with the prosecution of the war. The benefit of this clause will not extend to certain acts contrary to the usage of war which have been notified by the Commander-in-Chief to the Boer Generals, and which shall be tried by Court-Martial immediately after the close of hostilities.

5. The Dutch language will be taught in public schools in the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony where the parents of the children desire it, and will be allowed in Courts of Law when necessary

for the better and more effectual administration of justice.

6. The possession of rifles will be allowed in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony to persons requiring them for their protection on taking out a licence according to Law.

7. Military administration in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony will at the earliest possible date be succeeded by Civil Government, and, as soon as circumstances permit, representative institutions, leading up to self-government, will be introduced.

8. The question of granting the Franchise to natives will not be decided until after the introduction of self-government.

9. No special tax will be imposed on landed property in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony to defray the expenses of the war.

10. As soon as conditions permit, a Commission, or which the local inhabitants will be represented, will be appointed in each district of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, under the presidency of a Magistrate or other official, for the purpose of assisting the restoration of the people to their homes and supplying those who, owing to war losses, are unable to provide for themselves, with food, shelter, and the necessary amount of seed, stock, implements, etc., indispensable to the resumption of their normal occupations.

His Majesty's Government will place at the disposal of these Commissions a sum of three million pounds sterling for the above purposes, and will allow all notes, issued under Law No. 1 of 1900 of the Government of the South African Republic, and all receipts given by the officers in the field of the late Republics or under their orders, to be presented to a Judicial Commission, which will be appointed by the Government, and if such notes and receipts are found by this Commission to have been duly issued in return for valuable consideration they will be received by the first-named Commissions as evidence of war losses suffered by the persons to whom they were originally given. In addition to the above-named free grant of three million pounds, His Majesty's Government will be prepared to make advances as loans for the same purposes, free of interest for two years, and afterwards repayable over a period of years with 3 per cent. interest. No foreigner or rebel will be entitled to the benefit of this clause.

Signed at Pretoria this thirty-first day of May in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

(Signed)

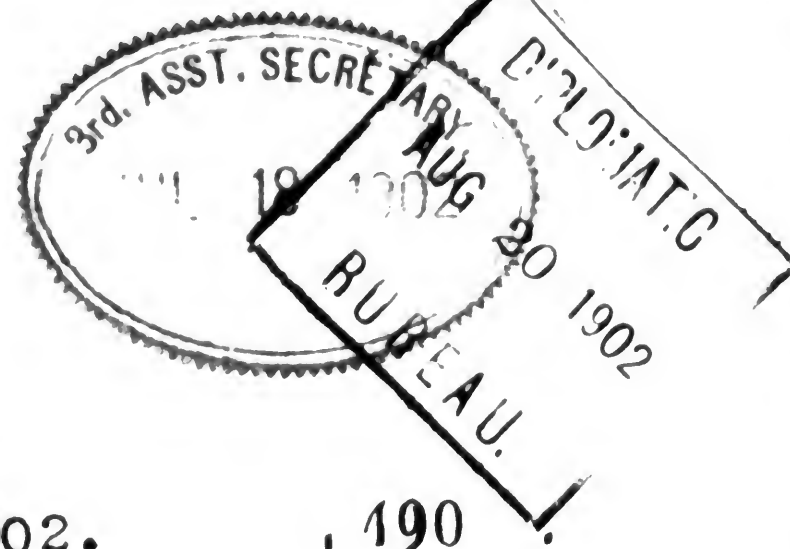
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No. 165

CONSULAR BUREAU



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 10, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

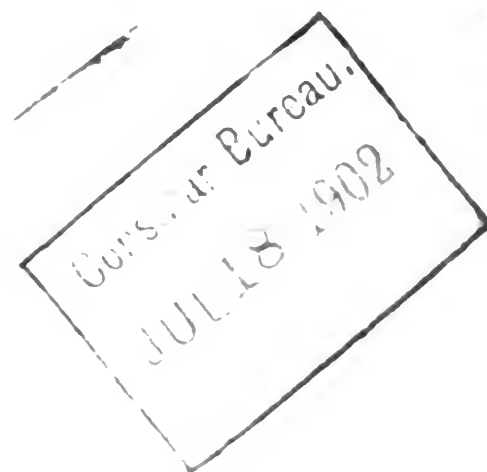
Subject:

Mr. Penninck
James Penninck
claim

Re claim of James Penninck against the British Government.

Abstract of Contents.

States that claim was lodged with the Ermelo Railway Co and Mr Penninck reported his loss verbally at Johannesburg Consular Agency.



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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Poirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch #153 under date Apr. 18th re claim of
of James Penninck against the Government of Great Britian I have
the honor to report as follows:-

I am informed that James Penninck was ~~magazine~~ magazine keeper for
the Ermele Railway Co. at Machadaderp, that at the occupation of
Machadaderp, Mr Penninck was arrested and placed in jail by the
British Aithorities and at that time or very shortly after, sub-
mitted the following list of goods to the Ermele Ry. Co. as having b
been "lost during bombardment and occupation of Machadaderp by
the British Troops on Aug. 27, 1900"

I Suit of Clothes and 2 Pr. Trousers.

Provisions

Table and Kitchen Utensils

Watch

Alarm Clock

3 Razors and 1 Strop

4 Shirts and Pyjamas

Underclothing, 10 Prs Socks

Collars, Handkerchiefs, Ties

12 Packets Soap, Matches

12 Packets Candles

14 Books

2 White Jackets

1 walking Stick

Towels, Table Cloth (2) etc

2 English Shirts.

In addition to the above Mr Penninck called at the Johannesburg Agency reported his arrest and less, verbally on or about 19th of Sept 1900.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm J. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

No. 166



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 22, 1902

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

W.D.G.

Subject:

Stating that it is rumored that Sergeants of the United States Army were in London recruiting soldiers returning from South Africa, for active service in the Phillipines.

*Ans
Copy War
Dept. letter
July 31 1902
Remr
Aug 4
1902*

Abstract of Contents.

Have applications from hundreds of men desirous of entering the United States Army as a consequence.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 22, 1902

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

A cablegram from London appeared in the local papers about one week ago stating it is rumored that enlistment Sergeants of the United States Army were in London to recruit soldiers returning from South Africa for service in the Phillipines and in consequence this Consulate and the Johannesburg Agency have had applications from Hundreds of men desirous of entering the United States Army. I believe ^{Three} ~~four~~ thousand trained soldiers, all of whom have seen active service, could have been secured, if wanted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

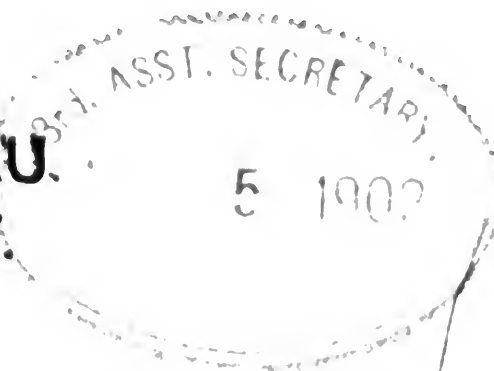
Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Loran

Acting United States Consul.

No. 167

CONSULAR BUREAU.
PLEASE REPORT.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 30, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gooden (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Whereabouts of Dr. Witt Horton.

Copy to James
W. Verder
Ackd by form
Aug 7 1902

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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch #I54 under date Apr. 30th re
the whereabouts of De Witt Horton, I have the honor to
report that I located him as having enlisted ⁱⁿ 1st Kitcheners
Fighting Scouts and at once communicated with the Officer in C
Command and received reply as herein. I have sent copy of despatch
#I54 to the U.S. Consul General at Cape Town suggesting that
he communicate with Mr Horton. *and report to the Department*

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. D. Gnam

Acting United States Consul.

O.C.Depot Ist K.F.S.

24Jun.1902.

Preteria

O.C.Discharge Depot

Delhi Lines

Green Point

H 804

June 24- If Tpr. De Witt Hoston still at

Depot warn him to communicate with United States Consul Pre

Preteria

John Abington Lt

O.C.Depot Ist K.F.S.

(Copy)

CONSULAR SERVICE U S A

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W.D.Gordon

U.S.C.

Preteria

This man left for Cape Town on the 17th inst for discharge
he was aware he was being enquired for

I have dispatched attached wire

John Abington Lt.

O.C.Depot Ist K.F.S.

24 Jun. 1902.

Preteria

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 30, 1902

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CONSULAR BUREAU.

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul) PLEASE REPORT.

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Hundreds of men are desirous of enlisting
for service in the Phillipines.

Ans
Aug 7
1902

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria June 30, 1902 , 190

Honorable Herbert H.D. Poirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that since last writing you, ^{on the subject further}
hundreds of men who are anxious to enlist for the Phillipines
have called at this Consulate and the Johannesburg Consulate ^{Agency}

I enclose copy of a sample letter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

Army Post Office

Pretoria

21st June 1902.

W.D.Gordon,

Consul for the U.S. of America

Pretoria.

Sir:-

With reference to my private remarks to you about irregulars for the Phillipine war(having in view a recent cable message from England to the S.African press that discharged S.African Soldiers were being accepted for service under the U.S.Government) I desire to say that in view of the large number of Australians who served in this war,I feel sure that there would be no difficulty in getting a few hundred of them,mixed with other British Colonials,to go to the Phillipines as Guerilla Fighters for the sake of the ~~new~~ ^{adventure} experience and ~~advantage~~.

It depends altogether on (1) whether the men are wanted(2) Where and how can they be enrolled,if required (3) Under what conditions as to pay~~etc~~ ~~return home~~ etc would they be accepted - if accepted at all.

Of course,I have no [&]authority whatever to breach the matter officially,but if men like to engage to go privately to the Phillipines on American Boats,I do not see why they should not,and if that could be arranged I think(so long as there is no undue delay)I could get together a Squadron a Regiment or Wing(say 250) of good and experienced fighting men.

It would be undesirable for the press to allude to the matter,certainly not to say "Australians" were being enrolled/"British Colonial and Irregulars"who haved in S.Africa,~~it~~ might be mentioned were going to the Phillipines seeking service and adventure;but

but any talk about enrolling Australians here might be misunderstood.

Personally, I feel as though I should like more adventure and fighting under different conditions. I am an Australian and had command of a Regiment of A. Bushmen here in 1900-1901 and have plenty of men who would go with me again.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) I. F. Thomas-
Major

No. 169



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 8, 1902

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

File

Subject:

Enclosing application Thos F. Burgers as messenger at the
Consulate in Pretoria for the year ending June 30, 1903.

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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith application, as messenger at this Consulate, of Thos. F. Burgers, for the year ending June 30th 1903, per your circular of May 22nd.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

APPLICATION FOR OFFICE.

[All questions must be fully answered in the applicant's handwriting, and the office applied for must be specifically stated: e. g., "Vice-Consul at Florence, Italy."]

I, the undersigned, hereby make application for appointment as (name office and place) Messenger at Pretoria Transvaal

1. Name in full: Thomas Francois Burgers

2. Present permanent post-office address: _____

U. S. Consulate Pretoria

3. Date of birth: July 9th 1878

4. Place of birth: Hanover, Cape Colony

5. Of what country a citizen or subject: _____

6. If a citizen of the United States, name the State of which a legal resident: _____

7. Length of legal residence therein: _____

8. If a naturalized citizen, how and when was citizenship acquired? _____

9. In what schools educated? State time spent in each: _____

South African College School & College (5 years)

10. Knowledge of foreign languages (state what languages you can read, write, or speak): Dutch

11. Present occupation, and occupation for the last five years (state term of service in each): Left College in 1898 entered Civil Service of South African Republic, Auditor Genl's Dpt. In 1900 entered the U. S. Consulate as messenger

12. Were you ever in the public service in the United States, military, naval, or civil, municipal, state, or national? Name offices and period of service in each: no

13. Did you resign voluntarily, or were you discharged from any of the positions you have held? British occupation of Pretoria

14. Describe your present physical condition: *Good*

15. Special qualifications for the office sought:

I certify that the foregoing answers are true and correct, and that they are in my own handwriting.

T. B. Bangers
(Signature for applicant.)

Date: *July 17th 1902*

Applicant: *T. B. Bangers*

Address: *U. S. Consulate*

Manitoba

Office: *U. S. Consulate*

Manitoba

Date of application:

July 17th 1902

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

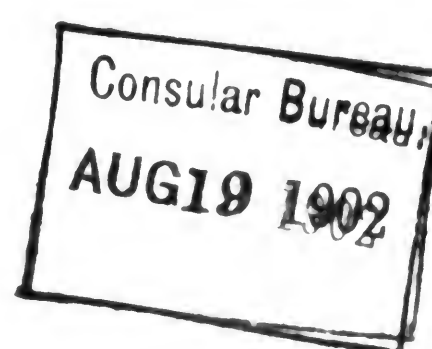
Subject:

Re report H. Peter or Bitter.

To Hon
Howard Mutchler
Aug 21
1902

Abstract of Contents.

Stating that without further data no report can be made as a search has already been made which ended without result



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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch #158 under date May 27th re Mr H. Peter or Bitter and would refer you to my depstch #129 ,re the same gentleman.

It will be impossible to make a report in this case unless more data is forthcoming than has been sent to the resent. If Mr Peter or Bitter will let this office have the name under which he lived when in this country, place of residence, (street and number if in town; if on farm, name, number and district) date and place of arrest and name and regiment of officer making arrest, I shall be able to make a report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting United States Consul.

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[Signature]

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

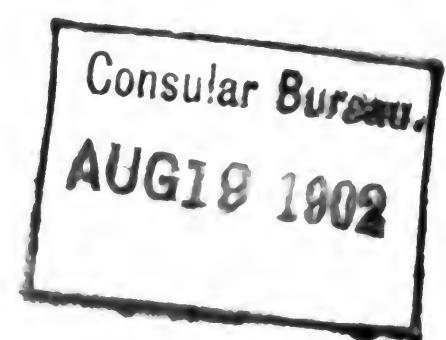
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re report of Patrick Lennen

Abstract of Contents.

States that letter was sent to Secty. of Treasury instead
of Pretoria Consulate



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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of acknowledgement
re Patrick Lennon under date May 29th in the enclosed envelope.
The letter went to the Controller of the Treasury of this country
and by him sent to this office.

I have the honor to be?

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 14, 1902

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Refusal of British Consul to grant permission
for Mrs Rubins and children from coming to
join husband in Johannesburg.

Ans
Aug 28
1902

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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention the report made by Mr Frank Rubin^{an American citizen in good standing} re the detention of his wife and children from joining him here.

Mr Rubin states that his wife Freda made an application through the British Consul in New York for herself and three children for a permit to proceed to Johannesburg. Was told to get a guarantee for the return passage in case she was deported from South Africa and when she had done this and after her household effects had been sold, was told she could not be allowed to come to South Africa. The husband apparently is a quiet and inoffensive man and feels the position his family has put in, keenly.

The address of Mrs Freda Rubin is 18 Stanton St.
New York City.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. J. Ford

Acting United States Consul.

Pretoria

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

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From Johannesburg

July 26, 1902.

Received

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Secretary State

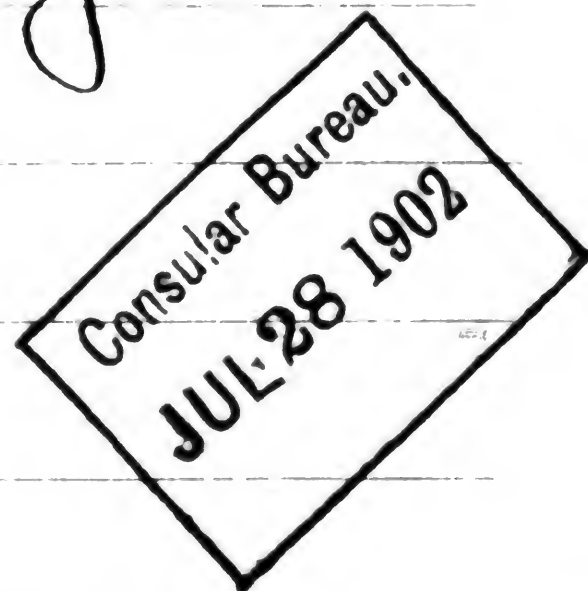
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Majority Chamber mines here favor import coast
duty one dollar eighty cents per case dynamite,
so protect local factories, strong minority
want free trade, argument protectionists
no one to complete annular consumption
three hundred thousand cases, cannot
american factories complete, wanted like
cable quotations from manufacturers,
blasting gelatine and number one dynamite
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contract delivered African port, this for
one group only

Gordon

Consular Agent



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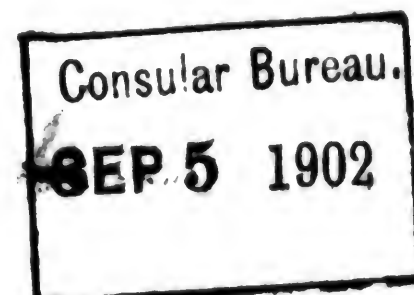
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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Claim A. VOGT.



Abstract of Contents.

Sets forth that Mr Vogt was in the employ of the
British Government and was accused of bringing
goods into the Transvaal.

Copy with
Enc to
Strangham &
Lusk
Sep 5 1902



No. 173

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 29, 1902

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch #146 under date March 21st re claim Mr A. Vogt I have the honor to enclose herewith papers bearing on the case as follows:-

Copy letter July 17th 1902 H.F. Gill Act Consular Agent at Bloemfontein addressed to this Office.

Copy letter Oct. 24th 1900 Lt Aron to O.C. Remount Depot

do	do	Oct. 24th 1900	J.V.D.M. Stanford, Head Conductor
do	do	Oct. 25th 1900	Maj. Beitran to O.C. Remounts Bloemfontein
do	do	Oct. 29th 1900	Maj McLoughlin to Asst. Provost Marshal
do	do	Oct. 29th 1900	Asst Provost Marshal to O.C. Remounts
do	do	Oct. 29th 1900	Staff Officer, Remounts to O.C. No 1 Remount Depot
do	do	Oct. 29th 1900	O.C. Remounts to Provost Marshal.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D. Gamm

Acting United States Consul.

No. 173.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, July 29, 1902.

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

etc. etc. etc.

Sir,

Referring to despatch #146, under date of March 21st re claim Mr. A. Vogt, I have the honor to enclose herewith papers bearing on the case as follows:

Copy letter July 17th. 1902, H.F. Gill, Act Consular Agent at Bloemfontein, addressed to this office.

Copy letter Oct. 24th. 1900, Lt. Aron to O.C. Remount, Depot

- " " Oct. 24th. 1900, J.V.D.M. Stanford, Head Conductor
- " " Oct. 25, 1900, Maj. Beitran to O.C. Remounts Bloemfontein
- " " Oct. 29, 1900, Maj. McLoughlin to Asst. Provost Marshal
- " " Oct. 29, 1900 Asst. Provost Marshal to O.C. Remounts
- " " Oct. 29, 1900, Staff Officer Remounts to O.C. No. 1, Remount Depot
- " " Oct. 29, 1900 O.C. Remounts to Provost Marshal.

I have the honor, etc.,

Wm. D. Gordon,

Acting U.S. Consul.

(Copy)

CONSULAR AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bloomfontein

17th July 1902

Wm.D.Gordon Esq.

Act. U.S.Consul,
Pretoria.

Dear Sir:-

RE CLAIM A.VOGT AGAINST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

This matter, which was referred to me for report in your letter of the 30th April last, has received my very careful attention.

Notwithstanding many personal enquiries and much investigation it is with regret that I cannot throw much light on the occurrences about which Mr Vogt complains, and for which he claims compensation. Since October 1900 the personnel of the Remount Camp has almost entirely changed, and those in charge today know nothing about the arrest, imprisonment and deportation of Mr Vogt, or what led up to the same.

Some few days ago I came across the Mr Webster to whom reference is made in Vogt's complaint, but he stated that he could throw no light on the matter, beyond, that he was aware of the punishment meted out to Mr Vogt for alleged smuggling of tobacco into the Transvaal whilst in the employ of the British Government as a conductor. (I have since found that Mr Webster was himself, at about the same time, in serious trouble on a charge of theft, and it is likely therefore that he would consider it expedient under Martial Law to say as little as possible, even to me, about what he knew was going on at that time.)

I enclose copies of all correspondence bearing on this case to be found in the Provost Marshal's Office here, which has been supplied by the present A.M. Capt. J.C. Craig.

As you are aware the Military Authorities punished any crime or misdemeanor summarily, it was seldom that counsel was allowed.

As Mr Vogt was in their employ he was evidently dealt with in exactly the same way as any other Civilian, in their employ or out of it.

Mr Vogt's argument that he was neutral seems to me to be untenable. Having taken service with the British Authorities, in whatever capacity, rendered him liable to their rules and regulations; and had he been captured by the Republican Forces he would have been considered a "Britisher" and treated accordingly.

This is a point however on which ~~you can express~~ you can express a more sound opinion than myself.

(Signed) H.F.Gill

Act. U.S. Consular Agent

(Copy)

From

Pretoria

Lt E.Felix Aron

Oct.24th 1900

To

O.C.3rd Remount Depot.

Sir:-

I have the honour to report that on my arrival at Pretoria Station last night at 7-30 P-M to unload the train of remounts that had just arrived from Bloemfontein, I found the Conductor & 3 boys missing.

Upon inquiry from the remaining two boys I ascertained that the Conductor had left his train at Elandsfontein and taken 3 of the boys with him for the purpose of trading in tobacco.

I am therefore unable to hand in the documents of the train as owing to this Conductor's absence, I never received them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,

E.Felix Aron Lieut.

No 3 Remount Depot

Preyeria

24 10 00

Sir:-

Conductor A. Vogt reports that he started from Bloemfontein with 21 trucks animals.

On arrival at Kreenstad 34 horses were detrained but were brought back and reloaded.

Capt. Nicholls (R.S.O.) Viljoens Drift, informed him (Conductor) that he had better proceed to Elandsfontein and promised to make arrangements for feeding and watering their.

On arrival at Elandsfontein (R.S.O.) informed him that he must proceed, as he would not give time for feeding and watering. He then went to see if the train following him containing the 34 horses had arrived.

In the van, a Lieut, with baggage travelled, this baggage was placed on the platform by kaffirs?

Kaffirs report that they were ordered by the Conductor to take four sacks which they thought contained tobacco to a private house in Elandsfontein. When they returned to the station the train had left, the Conductor was with them.

J.V.D.M. Stanford

Head Conductor

(Copy)

To O.C. Remounts Bloemfontein

I have inquired into the above case of Conductor Vogt I have come to the conclusion that he has been in the habit of bringing up goods.

Colonel Beiklack has been informed of the matter and has left it for you to deal with.

25th Oct. 1900

W. Beltran

Major

A.P.M.

It seems to me that this ~~####~~ is a matter for you to deal with, the Conductor in question has been dismissed from the Remount Depot for being away from his train of horses, and the three boys are at the Remount Depot, and can be produced if required.

Bloemfontein

H.J. McLoughlin

Major

29 10 00

O.C. Remount Depot

O.C.Remeunts

If you have the Conductor please send him here as a prisoner
if not kindly give me any information which might lead to his
discovery and arrest.

Bleemfentein

B.Burnett Hitchcock

29 10 00

A.P.M.

O.C.# I Remeunt Depot

Please send Conductor to be brought down to the Provost ~~####~~
Marshal under escort and hand him over.

Bleemfentein

H.J.McLaughlin

29 10 00

S.O.Remeunts

~~#####~~

To

The Provost Marshal

Herewith Conductor Vogt and the correspondence in
connection with his case.

Memo 14 days H.L. Over Border

B.HITCHCOCK A.P.M.

Alix Clarke Lia

O.C.Remeunts
Depot

Bleemfentein

29 10 00

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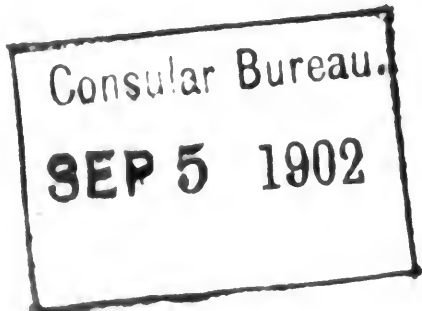
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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Claim of J.W. Balch



Abstract of Contents.

Asks if personal investigation of claims is necessary and if in the event of locating place of loss is away from Johannesburg or Pretoria will the Department authorize expenses.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria July 29, 1902

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch #161 re claim Mr J.W. Balch which will be investigated and reported on as quickly as possible.

As the number of claims appear to be getting more numerous and in some instances located in districts considerably removed from either Pretoria Or Johannesburg, I would be glad to receive some intimation as to whether I am expected to go to the scene of loss and make a personal examination and whether the Department will authorize any expenses in such cases.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

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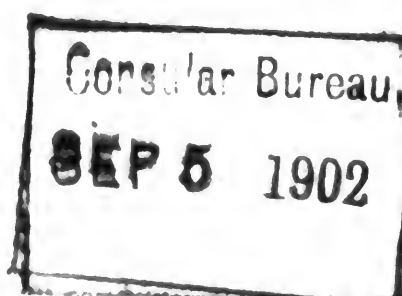
Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re estate of the late Corp. H. B. Dumm

Aug 19 1902
Copy to
S C Dumm
Sep 6
1902



Abstract of Contents.

States that Preteria Despatch #156 crossed Washington despatch #164.

Also that in all probability the body can be moved.

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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge of despatch #I64 re arrears of wages due the estate of the late Corporal H.B. Duffin and beg to say that my despatch #I56 on the subject under date of May 27th has crossed yours in transit.

To the present I have not been able to get any reply to my enquiry directed to the Civil Authorities re removal of the body but as the war has now been finished I apprehend no trouble will be experienced, provided the relatives see fit to go to the necessary expense.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re Dynamite



Abstract of Contents.

States that that the subject of a duty of 7/6 per case is now being considered and that if the United States can secure the business it will amount to from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 per annum.

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Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On the 26th inst I wired as per copy of cablegram
herewith.

It was necessary to cable or leave the matter alone entirely.
It is just more than likely that free trade in dynamite will be
allowed, but the subject now trembles in the balance and will
be settled in a very short time. My object in cabling was to
get such figures as would go a considerable way toward, that this,
(the largest dynamite using district in the world) should not be
closed to the American market. If our manufacturers could capture
this market, our exports would be added to, to the extent of between
1 1/2 and 2 millions per year.

The proposed duty is to be 7/6 per case in order to protect
a factory which the De Beers Co have erected at Cape Town also a
factory near Johannesburg, the operation of which was one of the
excuses for waging the late war.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. G. Ford

Acting United States Consul

~~Gordon~~
Consular Agent

~~De~~
Secretary State
Washington

Majority Chamber of Mines
here favor import coast duty one dollar
eighty cents per case dynamite to protect
local factories, strong minority want free
trade. Argument of protectionists, no one
to compete. Annual consumption three
hundred thousand cases, cannot American
factories compete? Would like cable
quotations from manufacturers blasting gelatin
and number one dynamite, thirty thousand
cases yearly, five years contract, delivered
African port. This for one group only.

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Consulate of the United States,

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re horses confiscated by the British Government,
the property of H.F. Dietze.

Abstract of Contents.

Stating that no impartial inquiry was held and
asking that the case be reopened.

Consular Bureau
SEP 10 1902

Consular Bureau
SEP 18 1902

*Amtd.
Sept. 25/02.
J. J. Great Britain
12/03*

Consulate of the United States,

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Honorable John Hay,

~~Assistant~~ Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch #I63 under date June 17th re confiscation of two horses the property of Mr H.F. Dietze, and with all due deference to the decision of Lord Kitchener I do not believe that a fair inquiry was made nor does it appear that the finding was in accordance with the affidavits submitted.

Mr Dietze absolutely denies that the horses in question bore Government brands at the time they were seized by the Military Authorities. It is possible they may have been so branded after seizure and before confiscation. No opportunity was given Mr Dietze to appear at the enquiry to prove his claim nor was he permitted to produce witnesses. The inquiry was rushed through in an arbitrary manner without any regard to the rights of Mr Dietze.

In the concluding paragraph of Maj. General Oliphant's report a statement is made that the Board did not view the horses, but that he was informed by Col. Birkbeck that from statements and evidence brought forward by Capt. McDonald (who has since retired) that, in his opinion there was no doubt as to the markings on the horses.

The whole case seems to hinge on Capt. McDonald's statement. Capt. McDonald was the officer who seized the horses. No evidence is produced that there was a Government Brand on the horses when they were brought to the Remount Depot, while several affidavits were submitted by men

(Over)

working for and who had worked for Dietze and others who knew the horses; that they were unbranded and I am informed that a few more affidavits to this effect can be had if necessary.

Am extremely sorry to further trouble the Department with this small affair but being thoroughly convinced that an American Citizen has been robbed of his property I would be glad to have the case reopened if possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. J. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

SEP 10 1902

Subject:

Claim of Isidore Cash against the British Government for Horses, Grass etc.

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Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the following papers re a claim of Isidore Cash, an American ^{citizen} against the British Government.

Copy letter Adam & B. Alexander to the U.S. Consular Agt.

at Johannesburg, dated Feby 6th 1902

do do U.S. Consular Agt to Maj. Genl. Baden Powell
dated Feby 7th 1902 #1772

do do #1833 U.S. Consular Agt. to Maj. Genl. Baden
Powell dated March 15th 1902

do do Lt Col. R.S. Curtis to U.S. Consular Agent
dated March 25th 1902.

do do #2046 U.S. CONSULAR Agt. to Chief Staff
Officer S.A.C. dated June 6th 1902.

These papers put forward the case quite clearly and it is unnecessary to add to them except to call attention to the absence of answers to letters written by the U.S. Consular Agt. at Johannesburg and the evident indifference displayed by the officers of the South African Constabulary.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

(Copy)

Johannesburg February 6th 1902

W.D.Gordon Esq.

Consular Agent

of the United States of America

Johannesburg.

Sir:-

We are instructed by Mr Isidore Cash, a resident of this city to bring the following to your notice.

About December 1900 certain Captain Walton of No 1 troop of the South African Constabulary, took possession of a certain blue mare and stallion foal (foaled by said mare) valued at least seventy five pounds (L75:0:0) stg., also a two year old racing filly valued at least two hundred pounds (L200:0:0) stg.

These animals were at that time in possession of our client's native servant named Zwartboy and are our clients property and were on our clients farm Hisingund.

The native servant protested against the taking of the said animals, but the protests were of no avail.

Upon the native servant reporting to our client what ^{had} happened our client, without delay interviewed Captain Boyd Wilson of No 3 troop of the S.A.C. and produced to him exemption certificated for said horses, granted by the remount department to our client; Captain Wilson assured our client that the horses would in the mean time be well cared for, and referred our client to Captain Walton.

Our client lost no time in interviewing and did interview Captain Walton, ^{and} was again assured by that gentleman of the well care and safety of the horses and was told that the horses would be returned on production of documents indentifying our client as the owner.

Subsequently our client applied to certain Lieut. Weeks at that time the District Commissioner at Booyens for a permit to proceed to the South African Constabulary's camp to produce the asked for documents indentifying our clients as the owner, and take delivery of the horses, but our client was informed by the said

Lieut. Weeks that owing to Military exigencies no permit could be granted.

Our client then left all documents in fact the whole ~~case~~ matter with Lieut. ~~Weeks~~ who promised to submit same to Major Swinton the O.C. of the R.P.R.

About five months ago another horse, namely a black racing pony valued at least one hundred and fifty pounds (LI50:0:0) stg. was taken from Steyn's farm by one of the troopers of the S.A.C. named Foster which horse the property of our client was at that time in charge of a ~~certain~~ man named De Villeirs (the said Foster was in #I troop and stationed at van Wyksrust).

About June 1901 between six to seven hundred bundles of sweet grass valued at LI:2:6 stg. per hundred bundles was requisitioned by the S.A.C. but no receipt was given.

Our client has made repeated applications for return of the horses and payment for the grass but was referred from one office and department to another.

One of the horses is now being used by one of the officers named Captain Rowe of the S.A.C. #I troop stationed at van Wyksrust as a polo pony.

A few days ago our client again applied to a certain Major Stuart staff officer of the S.A.C. for the return of his property and was told that two horses would be returned provided he paid twenty pounds and five shillings (L20:5:0) stg. for the keep of the animals and ^(2/) gave a full receipt and discharge for all or any claim he may have against H.M. Government in consequence of the foregoing

This our client refused to do and is now compelled to appeal to you for assistance in getting his claim as above set out recognised.

Trusting you will give this matter your attention.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours respectfully

(Signed) Adam & B. Alexander

Johannesburg July 7th 1902

Maj. Genl Baden Powell

G.O.C. So. African Constabulary

Johannesburg

Sir -

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of letter received by me re. taking of horses from Mr. Isadore Cash, an American Citizen

It would appear that a gross injustice has been done in this case and I would thank you to institute an investigation with a view to putting the gentleman in rightful possession of his property and compensation for losses sustained.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Wm D Gordon

Inspector Gt.

(Sgd)

Copy

Johannesburg Mar 15/02

Maj: Genl Baden-Powell
 G.O.C. South African Constabulary
 Johannesburg

Sir - On Feb 7th I addressed you re. a
 claim of Mr. Gordon Cash, an American Citizen
 but to the present time, no acknowledgment
 has been received. Will you kindly let
 me know if the letter reached you?

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant
 Wm D Gordon
 Walsley St.

(Sgd)

Copy

From Inspector General
South African Constabulary
To The United States Consul Agent
Johannesburg

Johannesburg 25th March 1902

Sir - I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your letter dated March 15th 1902 re a
claim laid by Edison Cuth against the
South African Constabulary and beg to state
that the matter is at present under
consideration, and that an early reply will
be forwarded you

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

R. S. Curtis

Lt. Col for Major General
Inspector General

South African Constabulary

2046

Copy

Johannesburg June 6th 1902

Chief Staff Officer
South African Constabulary
Johannesburg

Sir - Re claim of Mr. Isidor Cash. Can you
give me any information as to its present status?

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your obedient servant

W.D. Gordon

Inspector Gt.

(Sgd)

Note - To Aug 2nd no reply has been received to
above. Chief Staff Officer was addressed because an
officer representing him called in the early part of
April saying that the investigation was being
prosecuted

W.D.G.

No. 180

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
TO THE SOLICITOR.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 19, 1902

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

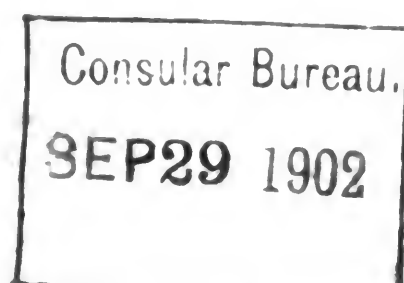
Subject:

Re South African Claim Commission

Ans Oct 1st/02

Abstract of Contents.

Want instruction, stating that subject will shortly be dealt with; also that if Commission sits in South Africa, legal advice will be necessary.



No. 180

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 19, 1902 , 190

Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have had an interview with the British Agent of the South African Claims Commission and as this subject will shortly be considered I would be glad to have instructions.

To the present only about twenty five claims have been submitted by American Citizens, aggregating in the total about \$125,000.00. At present it is not known whether a commission will sit in South Africa or in London. If in South Africa this office will be looked to, to prosecute the claims and legal advice would be essential.

Is it the intention of the Government to send a lawyer or retain one here.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

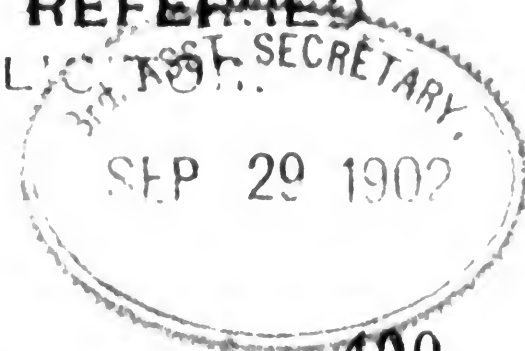


Acting United States Consul.

~~CONSULAR BUREAU~~

No. 181

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
TO THE SOLICITOR GENERAL



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 19, 1902.

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

*Amended
Oct. 7/1902*

Subject:

Re appointment as Executor Dative in various estates

Abstract of Contents.

States that bonds have been given and estates now in final liquidation and a change would be detrimental to heirs.



No. 181

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 19, 1902.

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Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of despatch #166 under date July 10th re Appointments as Curator Bonis in various estates.

~~Since~~ Since my despatch #152 I have been appointed Executor ~~in~~ in the various estates by the Master of the Supreme Court and bonds have been executed to the satisfaction of the Court.

All estates are now ready for final liquidation and a few weeks will settle them, but if a change in Administration now occurs division of assets will be further delayed.

The administration of these estates was undertaken by me at a time when no civil law existed and the country generally in a state of chaos, and if this office had not taken the assets in hand it is quite likely that the estates would have netted the heirs little or nothing.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul

No 183



CONSULAR BUREAU.



Consulate of the United States,

Preteria Aug. 26, 1902

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Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

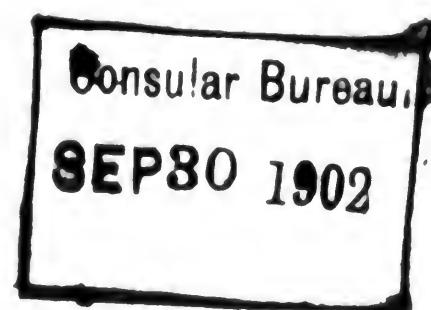
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re whereabouts F.W. Verner

*To Hon. Secy.
Oct. 7/02.*

Abstract of Contents.



No. 182



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Aug. 26, 1902.

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Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to despatch #165 re F.W. Verner under date June 25th I have the honor to report that Verner or Darrell, as he was known here, was with the Irish Brigade until Sept 10th. 1900 when he left for Delagoa Bay, ostensibly enroute to the States, since which time nothing has been heard of him.

His wife and child now in Johannesburg would be glad to know of his whereabouts.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting United States Consul

CONSULAR BUREAU.

Frank G. H. H.

16.16.27



No. 183

Consulate of the United States,

Preteria Sept. 1, 1902

, 190 .

Mr. William D. Gordon (Acting United States Consul)

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Ack. receipt of circulars and asking that
triplicates be sent in the future.

Abstract of Contents.

*Worked by form
Oct. 12, 1902.*

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No. 183

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria Sept 1, 1902 , 190

Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of circulars of July 14th and 21st "Commerce & Industries" and "Cuban I Interests" respectively.

Such circulars are usually sent to this office in triplicate and would be glad to receive three copies of each in the future, to save the making of copies in this office for the Agencies.

I have the honor to be,

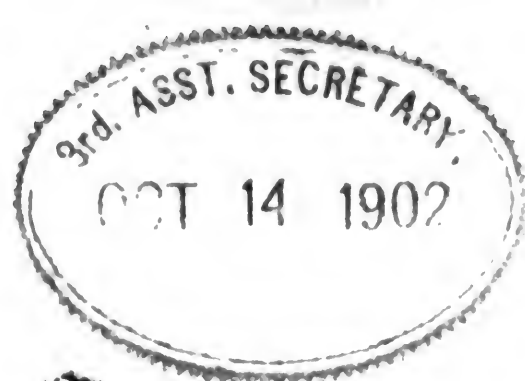
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Acting United States Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Protezia. September 9th

CONSULAR BUREAU.
NOTED AND PUBLISHED

Mr. Hon. Herbert H.D. Peirce

3rd Secretary To the Department of State.

Subject:

Reporting death of Wm. Wilkson.

Abstract of Contents.

*Checked by
form. 25.17/02
H. J.*

*Copy to
W. R. Cunningham
June 12
1903*

*Copy to
Hon F M Lockrell
U S Senate
Dec 2 1903
F. J.*

No. ^{Jan.} 187.
184.

Consulate of the United States,

Proteria. September 9th

, 1902 .

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith Report of the
death of Mr. Wm. Wilkson, who died on August 28th 1902.

I have the honor to be, Sir:

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. D. Gordon

Acting United States Consul.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Pretoria Sept 8th

1902.

Name:

William Wilkison

Native or naturalized:

Native

Date of death:

August 28th 1902

Place of death:

Raiden, Johannesburg

Cause of death:

Heart Failure

Disposition of remains:

Buried Johannesburg Cemetery

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects:

In possession of wife

Address of family:

Wife & Family live, Birthplace Jefferson Co. Mo

Family notified:

Accompanied by relatives:

Yes

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

Book, pages

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Remarks:

Above information given by widow of
the deceased

[SEAL.]

Wm. D. Jordan

Acting Consul of the United States.

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

Enclosure No. _____ in despatch

No. _____.

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CONSULAR BUREAU.

To PASSPORT DIVISION.

H. H. D. P.

3rd. ASST. SECRETARY.
OCT 14 1902

No. 188.
185.



Consulate of the United States,

Preteria. September 9th

, 1902.

Mr. Hon. Herbert H. D. Peirce

3rd Secretary To the Department of State.

*Added:
Oct. 22/02*

Subject:

Re. the holding of passports, issued by the
Department of State, by I. J. Lithauer and
L. W. Wedekind, neither of whom are entered
to be Citizen of the U.S.A.

Abstract of Contents.

*see 11, 1900,
35014.*

No. ^{188.}
185.

Consulate of the United States,

Preteroria. September 9th , 1902 .

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to call to your attention, the following:-

It appears that one L.H. Wedekind secured in November last, a passport as a "Native born" from the Department of State.

In October 1895 Mr. Wedekind registered himself at the Swiss Consulate ^{in Johannesburg} as a Citizen of Switzerland, and is considered as a Swiss Citizen to the present time by the Consul.

During the past two years, I am informed a passport was issued to I.J. Lithauer by the Department.

This gentleman was on the rolls of the late South African Republic as a Burgher of the Country. It may not be possible to produce the records, but the Fieldcornet of Preteroria is ready to make an affidavit to this effect.

I do not know whether it is the wish of the Department "to go behind the returns" but here are two instances wherein the Department has been imposed upon. In both cases I believe the Government will be called upon to prosecute claims against the British Government for losses sustained.

I have the honor to be, Sir:

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. D. Gaden

Acting United States Consul.

So must
Mr. Whitehouse; I suggest
this:

The case of L. H. Wedekind
is well known to this Depart-
ment and a passport, No 48823,
was issued in his favor Nov. 9,
1907, after careful consideration
of the facts. He was born in
Germany of a father who was
at the time of the son's birth a
citizen of the United States. He
lived in the United States at the
time he reached his majority and
elected to continue the nationality
conferred on him by birth. It

the time he applied for his passport he furnished satisfactory proof of his intention to permanently reside in the United States. The fact that he had ^{once} reported in the Swiss Consulate in Johannesburg was known to the Department, but in view of the circumstances was not deemed sufficient ^{grounds} for refusing ~~to issue a passport~~ ^{him a passport} ~~his American citizenship~~.

Mr. J. J. Lithauer was issued passport no. 35014

December 11, 1900, ³

When his personal application was made. He was born in this country and swore that his permanent residence was New York City and that he intended to return in twenty-four months. The Department did not know that he was a burglar of the late South African Republic. You are instructed to ascertain what his present status is and to inform the D.C.

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Department. His passport will
soon expire and the question
of its renewal will very pro-
bably settle in the near future.

E.H.

No. ~~100~~ 186



Consulate of the United States,

Preteria, S. A., Sept. ³⁰~~2~~, 1902., 190 .63/1.00

Mr. Gordon

To the Department of State.

*Draft for \$ 1185.⁶³/₁₀₀
paid by Dist. Clerk out of
Emergency fund
Mar. 21, 1903.*

Subject:

Re account for traveling expenses between Johannesburg and

Preteria.

Reference to despatch No. 151.

Abstract of Contents.

Stating and enclosing account for traveling expenses between Johannesburg and Preteria .

Amount \$1173.90.

Leave asked to draw for same.

file

No. ~~185~~ 186

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, S. A., Sept 30 , 1902 .

Honorable Herbert H. D. Pierce,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to dispatch No. 151 of April 14, 1902, and my reply thereto, dispatch No. 157, I have the honor to enclose herewith an account for traveling expenses from Johannesburg ~~and~~ to Pretoria, amounting to \$1173.90, and would thank you for instructions to draw on the Department for this amount, should you find the same to be in order.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

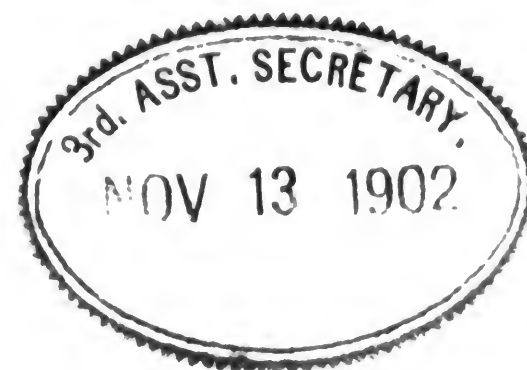
Wm. G. Ford

Acting U. S. Consul.

Enclosure:

Account for traveling expenses from
Johannesburg to Pretoria.

CONSULAR BUREAU



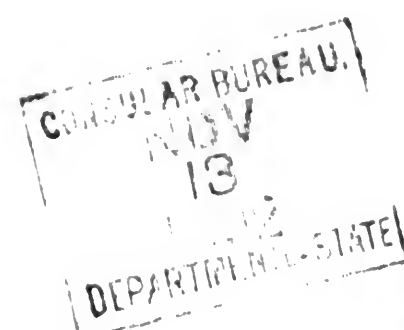
No. I

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, S. A., Sept. 30, 1902.

Mr. Proffit

To the Department of State.



Checked
Nov 14 1902

Subject:

Notification of date of arrival at post of duty.

Permission of local Colonial authorities obtained to act as Consul, pending receipt of exequatur.

Enclosing certificate re entry upon discharge of duties.

Enclosing inventory of archives.

Abstract of Contents.

Arrived at Pretoria September 16, 1902.

Assumed charge of duties at close of business Sept. 30.

Commission and exequatur not having arrived, asked and obtained permission of local Colonial authorities to act pending arrival of same.

Enclosure 1: Joint certificate W. D. Gordon and J. E.

Proffit re entry upon discharge of duties.

Enclosure 2: Inventory of archives.

No. I

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, S. A., Sept. 30, 1902.

Honorable

David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that I arrived at Pretoria on Sept. 16th., 1902. I ascertained that Mr. Gordon the Acting Consul had left but a few hours prior to my arrival for Johannesburg, and because of the delay in the transmission of two telegrams, I was unable to place myself in communication with him until the Saturday following.

However he came to Pretoria on the 22nd. inst., and kindly assisted me in acquiring a familiarity with the duties devolving upon me at this Consulate.

Having awaited until to-day the arrival of my exequatur and commission, without result, I called, in company with Mr. Gordon, upon the local Colonial authorities, and received permission to act as U. S. Consul, pending the arrival of said exequatur and commission. I accordingly took charge of the Consulate at the close of business to-day.

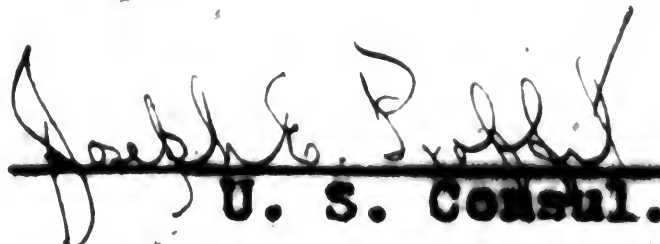
I enclose herewith enclosures nos. 1 and 2, being respectively joint certificate of William D. Gordon and Joseph E. Proffit re entry upon discharge of duties, and an inventory of the proper-

ty of this Consulate at the close of business Sept.
30, 1902.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

List of enclosures:

- 1. Joint certificate.**
- 2. Inventory of archives.**



enclosure

Form No.5.

Consulate of the United States.

Pretoria, S. A.,

Sept.30, 1902.

We certify that on this the 30th.day of September,1902,the services of William D. Gordon ceased, and he is entitled to his salary and fees including said day; and that the services of Joseph E. Proffit commenced the day following,he having received the archives, a full and complete inventory of which is hereto annexed, as required by paragraph 57 of the Consular Regulations.



U. S. Consul.



late Acting U. S. Consul.

enclosure.

United States Consulate,

Pretoria, S.A.,

Sept. 30, 1902.

Inventory of Government property in the U. S. Consulate
at Pretoria, S. A. at the close of business on Sept. 30,
1902:

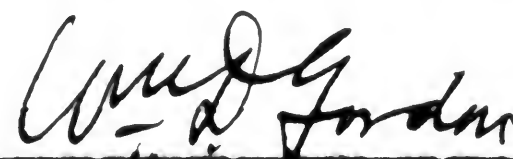
One oak roll top desk,
One oak typewriter desk,
One Underwood typewriter, (property War Dept.)
Two oak revolving office chairs,
Six bentwood chairs,
One oak book case, (sliding glass doors)
One large oak table,
One letter press and stand,
One Japanese screen,
One oak stand with water bottle,
One Wilton carpet (drugget)
Two rugs,
One cretonne covered settee
One cretonne covered box,
One pair letter scales,
One pair chenille curtains,
One seal (U. S. Consulate)
One coat of arms (metal)
One coat of arms (framed)
One framed photo (President McKinley)

Record books as follows:

Account book, fee book, miscellaneous records,
invoice book, register of letters and received,
register of letters sent, despatch book, pass-
port book, ten letter books, seventeen files of
letters and papers,
Forty seven bound volumes of books,
Four flags,
Two flag staffs.
One lot of stationery and supplies.

Certificate.

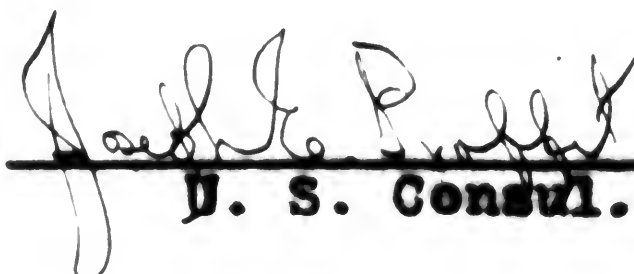
I certify that I have found the above to be correct/



Acting Consul.

Receipt.

Received the above, this 30th day of Sept. 1902.


U. S. Consul.



No. 2

File

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, S. A., October 1 / 1902.

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledging receipt of despatch No. 175.

Abstract of Contents.

*From War Jan 29 '04
to Pretoria Feb 14 '04*

No. 2

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, S. A/ October 1 1902.

Honorable

Alvey A. Adee,

Acting ~~Assistant~~ Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

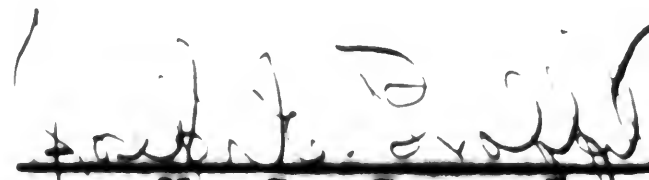
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 175 under date of August 21, 1902, addressed to Mr. William D. Gordon, Acting Consul.

The matter therein contained will have the prompt attention of this office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



U. S. Consul.

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No. 3.
Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, S. A., October 1, 1902 .

Mr. Proffit

To the Department of State.

Free

Subject:

Re permit for Mrs. Frank Rubino and children to join husband of Mrs. Rubino in South Africa.

Abstract of Contents.

Stating refusal of British authorities to award permits, upon requests of consuls, except as regards parties detained at South African ports.

No. 3

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, S. A., October 1

1902

Honorable

Alvey A. Adee,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 177 under date of August 28th., addressed to Mr. William D. Gordon, re permit for Mrs. Frank Rubino and children.

Replying thereto, I have the honor to state that I am advised that the British authorities in the Permit Office have heretofore refused to award permits, upon the request of consuls, except as to parties detained at South African ports. However, I have requested Mr. Gordon, the Consular Agent at Johannesburg, to act upon your suggestion. I shall advise Mr. and Mrs. Rubino of the result.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

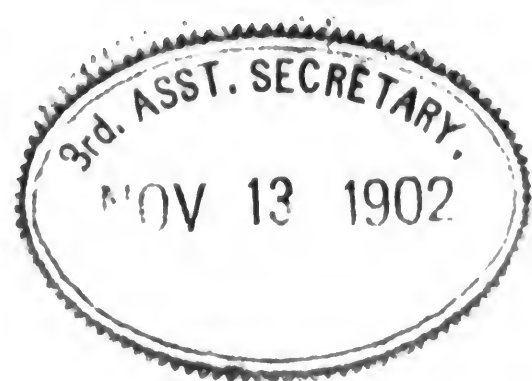
Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul



No. 4

CONSULAR BUREAU.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, S. A., October 11, 1902.

Mr. Proffit

To the Department of State.

File

Subject:

Acknowledgement of receipt of despatch No. 177, under date of
Sept. 8, 1902.

Abstract of Contents.

No. 4

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, S. A., Oct. 11, 1902.

Honorable Alvey A. Adee,

Acting ~~XXXXXX~~ Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 177, under date of Sept. 8, 1902, addressed to Mr. W. D. Gordon, in charge of Consulate, and to advise you that I have forwarded a copy of same to Mr. Gordon at Johannesburg.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

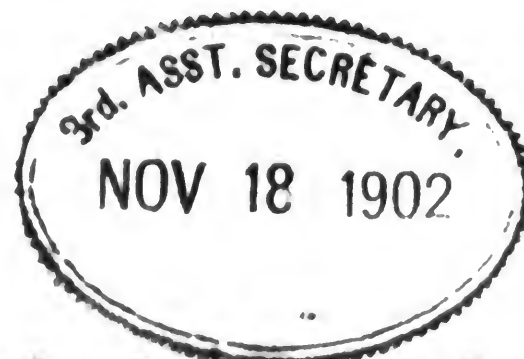

C. S. Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.

No. 5.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Oct. 13, 1902 .



Mr. Proffit

To the Department of State.

File

Subject:

Reference made to despatch No. 178 under date Aug. 5, 1902.

Abstract of Contents.

Enclosing newspaper clipping containing excerpt from decision of Supreme Court in a case analogous to that of H. F. Dietze re a claim versus the British Government for the confiscation of two horses.

No. 5.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Oct. 13, 1902.

Honorable John Hay,

~~Assistant~~ Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to this Consulate's despatch No. 178 under date of August 5, 1902, re the claim of H. F.

Dietze, I have the honor to enclose herewith a newspaper clipping containing an excerpt from a decision of the Supreme Court of this Colony in a case somewhat analogous to that of the said H. F. Dietze.


I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:

Newspaper clipping.


U. S. Consul.

me no. 1 with dispatch no. 5

THE SUPREME COURT.

CIVIL APPEAL.

OCTOBER 2.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SOLOMON, MR. JUSTICE
WESSELS, and MR. JUSTICE SMITH.

P. C. KOTZE v. C. W. F. KLUCKOUW.

This was an appeal against the judgment of the Resident Magistrate of Heidelberg.

Plaintiff, in the Court below, bought from defendant a horse with harness for some £20. Subsequently Major McDonnell, the officer of the Imperial Government employed for the commandeering and buying of horses, held an inspection of horses at Heidelberg, and confiscated the horse, giving a certificate that the horse was branded with the broad arrow, and was the property of the Imperial Government. Plaintiff sued defendant for the recovery of the price paid, and the Magistrate gave judgment in his favour.

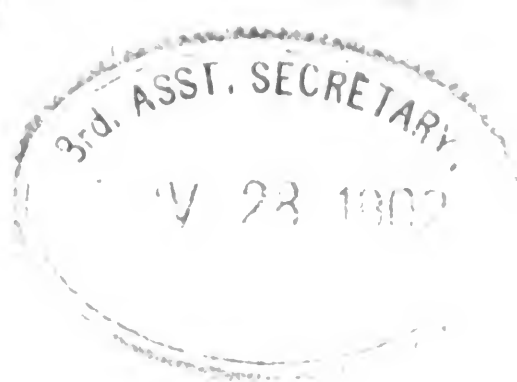
Mr. Smuts for appellant; Mr. Gregorowski for respondent.

Mr. Smuts: The Magistrate was evidently under the impression that a commandeering document was indisputable, and that he could not go beyond it. All the evidence is the other way, and the commandeering note is merely ordinary evidence.

Mr. Gregorowski: Major McDonnell was the officer appointed by the Government. He had absolute authority to say whether the horse belonged to the Imperial Government or not. If he saw the brand then that is enough.

Mr. Justice Solomon: I don't see how the decision of the Magistrate can possibly be supported. The defendant sold the plaintiff a horse and harness for some £20. The plaintiff claimed to recover this amount on the ground that the plaintiff had failed to provide the necessary permits as stipulated. The Magistrate found, as a fact, that the condition with regard to permits had been waived by the plaintiff. The other ground on which the plaintiff claimed was that the defendant had failed to give a good title to the horse. If the evidence showed that the horse was the property of the Imperial Government then of course the plaintiff was entitled to succeed. But there was no evidence to show that the horse was the property of the Imperial Government. The Magistrate relies upon this certificate of Major McDonnell, which states that the horse bore the brand of the Imperial Government. The Magistrate holds that this certificate is conclusive evidence of the fact stated. I doubt if it is even evidence at all. Even if it is it is certainly not conclusive. So far from its being convincing proof that the horse was the property of the Imperial Government, the evidence goes to show that the defendant had a right to sell as the horse was his own property. I can scarcely imagine stronger evidence than we have to this point. It appears that the plaintiff, the defendant, and four other persons inspected the horse, and came to the conclusion there was no broad arrow branded on it. Unless the document signed by Major McDonnell is conclusive, there is no evidence to show that it was the property of the Government. We therefore think the Magistrate was wrong in concluding that it was the property of the Imperial Government, and his judgment must be reversed. At the same time, if the plaintiff can prove it was Government property he ought to have an opportunity of establishing it. The judgment of the Magistrate will, therefore, be altered into absolution from the instance with costs in the lower Court and in this Court.

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CONSULAR BUREAU.



No. 6

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Oct. 20, 1902.

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Enclosing clipping from the "Rand Daily Mail" re Consular Representatives at Pretoria.

Stating that exequatur has not arrived.

Stating that permission of local authorities was obtained pending arrival.

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No. 6

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Oct. 20, 1902.

Honorable Alvey A. Adee,

Second Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

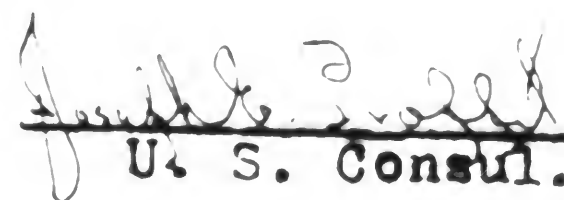
I have the honor to enclose herewith a clipping taken from the Rand Daily Mail of this date. The Mail is regarded here as the administration organ, and the portion of the clipping which I have marked may perhaps be considered authoritative. The refusal of the High Commissioner and the Lieutenant Governor to receive official visits from members of the Consular Corps who had not been granted exequaturs has been confirmed by several of my colleagues in the service here.

I have the honor to further advise you that my exequatur has not yet arrived. Pending the arrival of same, I have been acting as Consul through the courtesy kindly extended by the Colonial Secretary. Unless I am otherwise directed by the Department, I shall defer the request for an official interview with the High Commissioner and the Lieutenant Governor until such time as I may be able to present my exequatur.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

Enclosure:

Clipping from "Rand Daily Mail"

Consular Service.

No Representation for Foreigners.

A strange state of affairs exists in Consular circles in Pretoria. It seems that none of the Continental Powers have applied for exequatur for their respective Consuls who acted here under the old regime, so that at present no foreign nationality is represented in this Colony.

It appears that on the arrival of Sir Arthur Lawley, the Consul—or better, the Consul-apparent—of one of the big Continental Powers, wrote to the Lieut.-General expressing his desire to make the acquaintance of His Majesty's representative, but was politely given to understand that his visit would be treated as unofficial.

Another Consul of the old regime obtained an interview with Viscount Milner at Johannesburg, and the subject of the status of his countrymen and their commercial relations in this country were broached by the gentleman in question; but he, also, was informed that His Excellency could not discuss such subjects with him until such time as his exequatur was applied for and granted.

At present, therefore, foreigners are not represented in this part of the world, a peculiar position seeing that all nationalities are striving for our trade.

The position is explained by the fact, that the Imperial Government have definitely decided that no Consuls other than those with a commercial exequatur only can be appointed for either of the two colonies. This decision is perfectly correct seeing that the two late Republics were never considered as being outside the status of vassals, and because in consequence of that view the annexation of the Republics was never notified to any of the Powers. ↗

CONSULAR BUREAU

No. 7

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal Nov. 7 , 190₂ .

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

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Subject:

Acknowledging receipt of Department despatch No. 178 under
date of September 16, 1902.

Abstract of Contents.

No. 7.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Nov. 7, , 1902.

Honorable

Alvey A. Adey,

Second Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

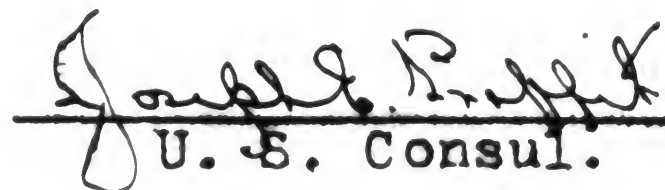
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 178, under date of September 16, 1902, re the claim of Isidore Cash, an American citizen, against the British Government.

The contents of same have been carefully noted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

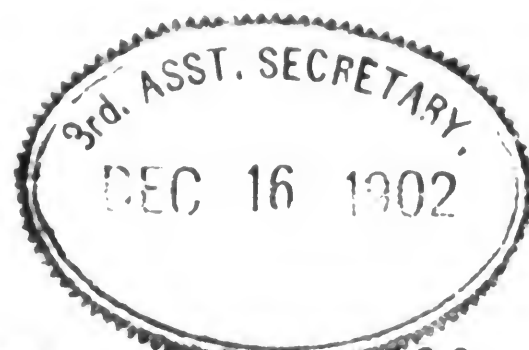

U. S. Consul.

No. 8.

CONSULAR BUREAU.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Nov. 7, 1902.



Mr. Proffit

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledging despatch No. 179 of September 19, re removal of remains of the late H. B. Dumm.

Copy to
S C Dumm
Dec 17
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Abstract of Contents.

Acknowledgement of receipt of despatch No. 179 with enclosure of letter from Dr. S. C. Dumm, re removal of remains of the late H. B. Dumm, and re the payment of pensions by British Government to relatives of deceased soldiers. Enclosure of copy of correspondence passed between the Colonial Secretary's office and this Consulate, from which it appears:

- (1) That British Government will not bear the expenses of removing the remains of the late H. B. Dumm.
- (2) That there is no pension available to the relatives of soldiers of foreign nationality who died in the service of the British Army in South Africa.

No. 8.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Nov. 7, 1902.

Honorable

Herbert H. D. Peirce,

His Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 179 under date of September 19, 1902, re the removal of the remains of the late H. B. Dumm to the United States.

Replying thereto, I have the honor to hand you herewith a copy of the correspondence which has passed re the matter between the Colonial Secretary's office and this Consulate, from which it will be seen:

- 1: that the British Government, while not objecting to the exhumation of the remains, under certain conditions, will not bear the expense of removing same to Columbus, Ohio.
- 2: that there is no pension available to the relatives of soldiers who, being of foreign nationality, died in the service of the British Army in South Africa.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. Proffit
U. S. Consul.

Enclosures:

- (1) Copy of letter of October 25, 1902, from J. E. Proffit, Consul to W. E. Davidson, Colonial Secretary.
- (2) Copy of letter Nov. 6, from W. H. Moor, Asst. Colonial Sect. to J. E. Proffit.

(COPY)

No.0/47.

Pretoria, October 25, 1902.

W. E. Davidson, Esq.,

Colonial Secretary,

Pretoria, Transvaal,

Sir:

I am in receipt of a despatch from the Department of State at Washington, transmitting a copy of a letter received from Dr. S. C. Dumm of Columbus, Ohio, U. S. A., whose Son, Corporal H. B. Dumm of the First Scottish Horse died in the service of the British Army at Klerksdorp on the 20th of December 1901.

Dr. Dumm is desirous that the remains of his Son shall be sent to Columbus Ohio for reinterment there, and requests my Government to make inquiry as to whether the expenses of removing same will be borne by the British Government.

He also makes inquiry as to whether any pension is available to the relatives of soldiers who died in the service of the British Army in South Africa.

Will you have the kindness to give me the desired information?

Thanking you in anticipation,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Joseph E. Proffit.

U. S. Consul.

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E. R.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Pretoria, Transvaal,

6 November, 1902.

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.0/47 of the 25th.ultimo, enquiring whether the remains of Corporal H. B. Dumm, late of the First Scottish Horse, who died on service at Klerksdorp in December last, might be exhumed and conveyed to Columbus, Ohio.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that there is no objection on the part of this Government to the exhumation of the remains of the deceased, provided that they are, as soon as exhumed, enclosed in an hermetically sealed zinc or leaden coffin, but the Colonial Secretary regrets that he is unable to recommend that the expense of removal be borne by the British Government.

3. No pension is available for the relatives of soldiers of foreign nationality who died in the service of the British Army in South Africa.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. H. Moor,

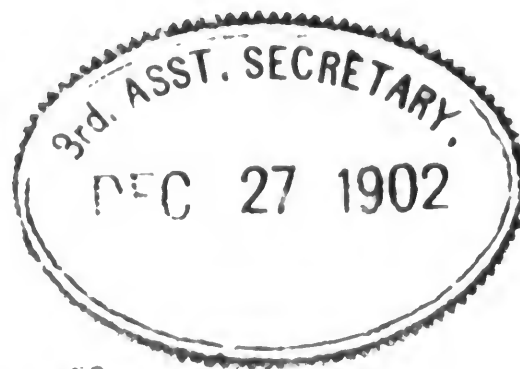
Asst. Colonial Sect

Joseph E. Proffit, Esq.,

United States Consulate,

Pretoria.

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No. 9.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Nov. 8, 1902..

Mr. Proffit,

For

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledgement of receipt of Despatch No. 188 re claim of
H. F. Dietze.

Statement that said despatch has been referred to Mr. W. D.
Gordon, U. S. Consular Agent at Johannesburg.

Abstract of Contents.

No. 9.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Nov. 8, , 1902.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.


Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 180, under date of September 25, 1902, re the claim of H. F. Dietze for compensation, and to advise you that the same has been referred to Mr. W. D. Gordon, U. S. Consular Agent at Johannesburg.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Nov. 13, 1902



Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re an application for a passport made by George Leonard Abbott who has been absent from the United States for thirty two years.

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Abstract of Contents.

Applicant was born in the City of Baltimore, of American parents in 1848; is an engine fitter by trade, and has been continuously absent from the United States for a period of thirty two years; has never renounced allegiance to the United States; and gives his financial inability as a reason for his failure to return.

Advice requested as to whether passport should be issued.

No. 10

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Nov 13, 1902.

Honorable Alvey A. Adee,

Second Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith the application for a passport of one George Leonard Abbott, who relates the following facts pertinent to his application:

Applicant was born in the City of Baltimore in 1848;

his father was an American citizen;

in 1870, applicant left the United States, and since his departure, has resided:

from 1870 to 1879, in the Argentine Republic,

" 1879 " 1880, in the United States of Brazil,

" 1880 " 1892, in Cape Colony,

" 1892 " 1896, in the Transvaal,

" 1896 " 1899, in the Orange Free State,

" 1899 " 1902, in the Transvaal;

Applicant was married in 1882 at Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, his wife being a British subject. He further states that he is an engine fitter by trade; that he has never renounced his allegiance to the United States, nor has he done any other act inconsistent with his American citizenship, and that he has never returned to the United States because of his financial inability to do so.

At the time of the Jameson Raid, he was registered as an American citizen in the United States Consular Agency at Johannesburg, and during the late war was the bearer

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of certificate No.6, issued by the late Adelbert S. Hay,
U. S. Consul at Pretoria, which certificate I herewith
hand you, marked enclosure No.2.

Will you kindly advise me whether, under the circum-
stances, a passport should be issued?

The return of the enclosures is also requested.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

Enclosures:

No.1: Passport application of George Leonard Abbott.

No.2: Certificate No.6, issued by Adelbert S. Hay,

U. S. Consul at Pretoria.



Mr. Carr:

One of the circumstances
enumerated in the Dept. circular
(Copy of which is enclosed)
instruction of March 27, 1899, to
influence a favorable consideration
of an application for a passport
from one long absent from the
United States is "that pecuniary
exigencies interfere with the desire
to return". The ^{You} Bureau must de-
cide whether this circumstance
operates in this case and whether
the applicant's expressed intention
to return to the United States

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is really existent. If poverty
has kept him away and he
does intend to return he should
be granted a passport; especially
as his ^{American} citizenship and right to
~~state~~ our protection were recog-
nized by the Council at Pretoria
two years ago. ~~Done~~

To assist the Council
in dealing with cases of this
character I would send him
a copy of the circular of Mr
Kane March 27, 1899, although
he is already in his consulate.

G.D.

No. II

CONSULAR BUREAU



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, , 190 .

Dec. I, 1902.

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Goss Printing Press Company's claim against the British Government for the use of a certain printing press.

*Copy to
Goss Printing
Press Co
Jan 6
1903*

Abstract of Contents.

Referring to despatch No. 173, and stating that Mr. Gordon, late Acting Consul at Pretoria advises me that he has collected the money for use of press and turned the same over to Mr. E. O. Hutchinson, Attorney for the Goss Printing Press Company, the amount being six hundred and twenty pounds sterling less 5% commission.

No. II

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, , 1902

December 1, 1902.

Honorable Alvey A. Adee,

Acting ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

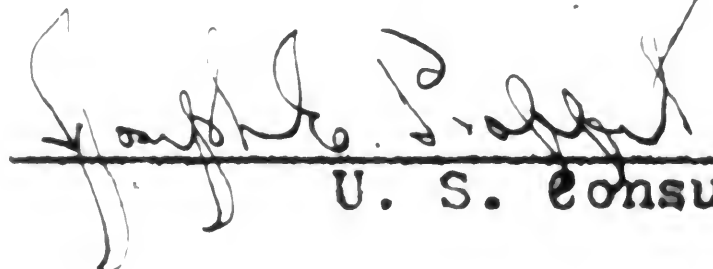
Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your despatch No. 173, under date of August 12, 1902, re the claim of the Goss Printing Press Company against the British Government for the use of a certain printing press, and to advise you that under date of November 20, 1902, Mr. Gordon, late U. S. Consul at Pretoria, advises me that he received from the Colonial Treasury at Pretoria a check for six hundred and twenty seven pounds sterling in full settlement of said claim, which amount less 5% commission he turned over to Messrs. Hutchinson, Hudson and Mullin, as per instructions.

I have the honor to be,

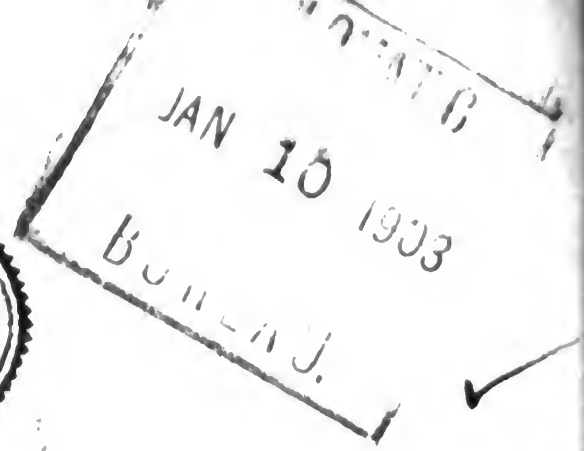
Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

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CONSULAR BUREAU.



Consulate of the United States

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 1, 1902. *03*

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

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Milan
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Subject:
Acknowledgement of Department despatch No. 180, under date of
September 25, 1902, re claim of H. F. Dietze.

Abstract of Contents.

Acknowledgement of above mentioned despatch, and the enclosure of two affidavits.

- 1: Affidavit of John Charles Durham of Johannesburg.
- 2: Affidavit of John Amann of Johannesburg.

No. 12.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 1, 1902.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.


Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 180, under date of September 25, 1902, re the claim of H. F. Dietze for the confiscation of two horses. In accordance with the suggestion therein contained I have the honor to enclose herewith the affidavits of John Charles Durham, and John Amann, both of Johannesburg, which affidavits are marked respectively, "enclosures" Nos. 1 and 2.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


J. H. Peirce
U. S. Consul.

Enclosures:

- 1: Affidavit of John Charles Durham of Johannesburg
- 2: Affidavit of John Amann of Johannesburg.

Appeared before me,
J. P. at Johannesburg,

J O H N A M A N N,

of Johannesburg, Farrier,

who declared,

That he knew and had done work for Mr H. F. Deitze
previous to June 1900.

That he knew the 2 horses which Mr Deitze bought
from Mr Arthur Obenhouse.

That from time to time for a period of about 12 months
from June 1900 the said horses were brought to him for shoeing,
and that during the whole of that time he never saw any
Government brand whatsoever upon the said horses, except "E"
meaning exempt.

J. Amann

Sworn to before me, at Johannesburg, this the 19th
day of November 1902.

John Brandis

J. P.

Brandis



Appeared before me,

J. P. at Johannesburg,

J O H N C H A R L E S D U R H A M,

of Johannesburg,

who declared,

That on and previous to June 1900 he was in the employ of Mr H. F. Deitze.

That Mr Deitze wanted to buy some horses which were very scarce as all good horses had been taken for Military purposes.

That he knew of 2 horses which had been refused by the British Troops as unsuitable and had been branded with "E" meaning exempt.

That these 2 horses belonged to a Mr Arthur Obenhausse and the Appearer took Mr Deitze to him and Mr Deitze purchased the said 2 horses.

That they had no Government brand when bought.

That he drove the said horses for over six months, and that they were in the possession of Mr Deitze for about 12 months, and that they had no Government brand when claimed by the British Authorities as being Government horses.

J. C. Durham

Sworn to before me, at Johannesburg, this the 19th
day of November 1902.

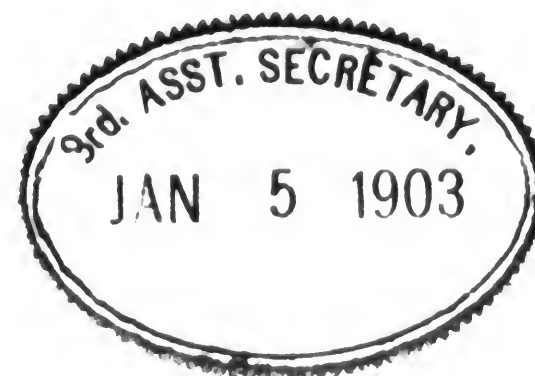
James M. M. S.

J. P.

Transvaal

No. 13.

CONSULAR BUREAU.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. I , 190².

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re the employment of competent legal counsel to represent claims of American citizens for losses sustained during the war between Great Britain and South African Republic.

Abstract of Contents.

Statement made that competent legal counsel can be secured to represent said claims in case of necessity.

No. 13.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. I, 1902.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

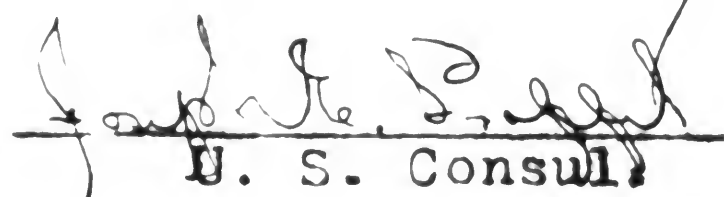
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 182, under date of October 1, 1902, re the employment of competent legal counsel to represent the claims of American citizens for losses sustained during the war between Great Britain and the South African Republic.

Replying thereto, I have the honor to advise you that competent counsel for the purpose named can be secured in Pretoria, in case of necessity.

I have the honor to be,

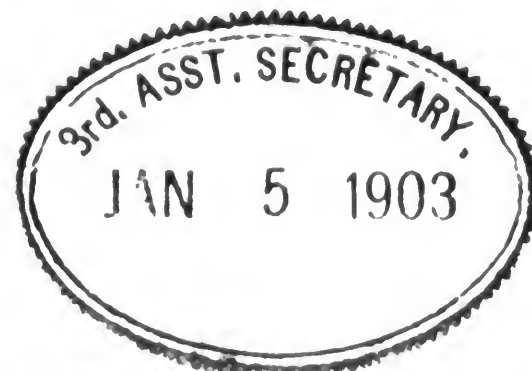
Sir,

Your obedient servant,


J. A. B. Smith
U. S. Consul

No. 14.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 1, 1902.

Mr. Proffit

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To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledgement of Department despatch No. 183, under date of October 7, 1902, re acting as executor dative in estates of American citizens.

Abstract of Contents.

Statement made that Mr. W. D. Gordon has made arrangements to place all estates which he represents in any fiduciary capacity at the disposition of the court which has jurisdiction in such matters.

No. 14.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 1, 1902.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,
Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

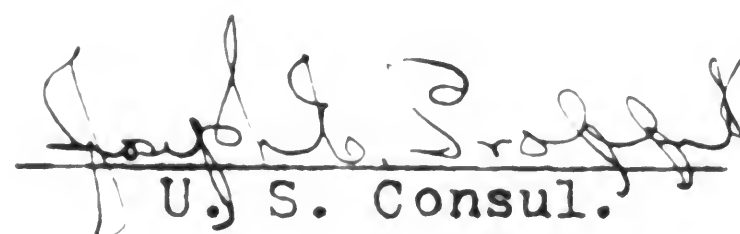
Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that your despatch No. 183, under date of October 7, 1902, re acting as executor dative in the estates of deceased American citizens was received and referred to Mr. W. D. Gordon, late Acting Consul for his information, and that later, Mr. Gordon, in company with myself, called upon the Master of the Supreme Court and made arrangements to place all estates in which he (Mr. Gordon) has been acting in a fiduciary capacity, at the disposition of the court which has jurisdiction in such matters.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

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CONSULAR BUREAU.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Nov. 29 , 1902 .

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

Subject:
Claim of LaPorte Carriage Company.

Abstract of Contents.

Statement made that a claim has this day been presented to the Refugees' Aid Department on behalf of said Company for losses sustained during the War for Three Hundred and Nine Pounds Sterling, the claim having been sworn to by the Company's Agent in Johannesburg.

No.15.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Nov. 29 , 1902 .

Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No.184, under date of October 9, 1902, re the claim of the LaPorte Carriage Company for losses sustained during the late war between Great Britain and the South African Republic.

Replying thereto, I have the honor to advise you that I have this day filed with the Refugees' Aid Department a claim on behalf of said Company on account of said losses for the sum of Three Hundred and Nine Pounds Sterling, the claim having been sworn to by the Company's Agent in Johannesburg. The Company's interests will be carefully watched.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


J. L. Krapp
U. S. Consul.

No. 16.

CONFIDENTIAL



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 1, 1902.

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re the application of James Cuthbert Holderness for appointment as Consular Agent at Johannesburg.

Abstract of Contents.

No. 16.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 1, 1902.

Honorable

Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

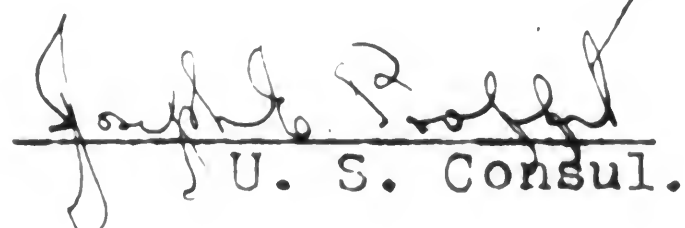
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 186, under date of October 20, 1902, enclosing copy of a letter from James Cuthbert Holderness to the Honorable John Hay, Secretary of State, re the appointment of a Consular Agent at Johannesburg.

The matter will receive consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU



No. 17.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 15, , 1902.

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledgement of receipt of despatch No. 4, under date of
October 25, re a claim of Merrill and Baker of New York.

Abstract of Contents.

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No. 17

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 15, 1902.

Honorable

David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 4, under date of October 25, 1902, re a claim of Messrs Merrill and Baker of New York, and to advise you that the matter will receive attention.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U.S. Consul

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 15, 1902.

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledgement of receipt of despatch No.- under date of
November 8, 1902, re missing vouchers of the late Adelbert
Hay, Esquire, formerly Consul at Pretoria

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Abstract of Contents.

Statement made that copy of despatch has been transmitted
to Mr. W. D. Gordon at Johannesburg for his information.

No. 18.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 15, , 1902 .

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

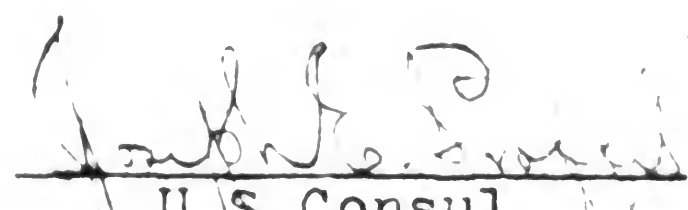
Sir:

I have the honor to **acknowledge receipt** of your unnumbered dispatch under date of November 8, 1902, re missing vouchers of the late Adelbert Hay, Esquire, late Consul at Pretoria, and to advise you that a copy of same has been transmitted to Mr. W.D. Gordon at Johannesburg for his information.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U.S. Consul.

No. 19.

CONSULAR BUREAU

Consulate of the United States,



Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 18, 1902.

Mr. Proffit,

To the Department of State.

recd Feb 2/03.

Subject:

Application of Alfred Nevette Thomson, an American citizen,
for the position of Messenger in the United States Consulate
at Pretoria.

Abstract of Contents.

Statement made as to qualifications of applicant.

No. 19.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 18, 1902.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith the application of Alfred Nevette Thomson, an American citizen for the position of Messenger in this Consulate. Mr. Thomson has been personally known to the undersigned for a number of years, and I cheerfully recommend him as in every way qualified for the duties of the position.

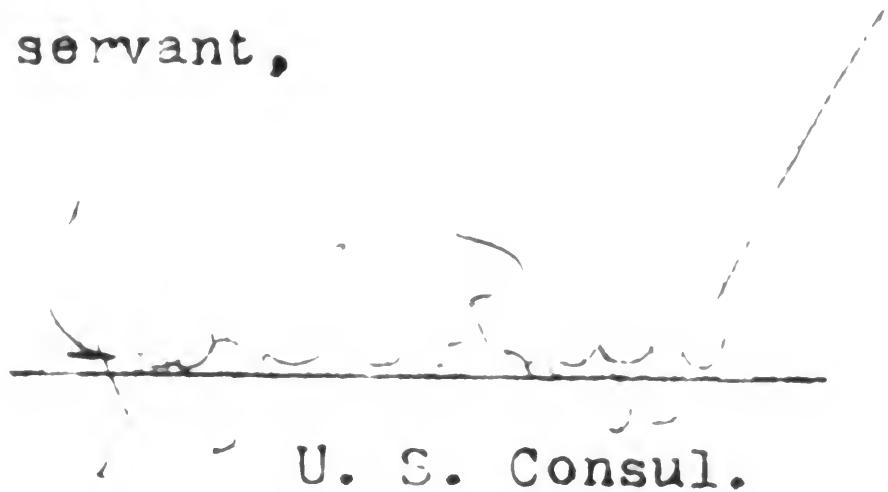
His predecessor resigned upon my entrance upon the duties of this position, and Mr. Thomson has been acting in the capacity of Messenger ever since.

Trusting that this appointment will be satisfactory to the Department,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



A handwritten signature, likely of the U.S. Consul, is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'J. H. ...'.

U. S. Consul.

Enclosure:

Application of Alfred Nevette Thomson for the position of Messenger.

No. 20.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Jan. 5, 1903

Mr. Proffit

To the Department of State.

*Off of Mr. D. Gordon
paid out of Treasury
Jan. 11. 1903.
T.M.*

Subject:

Advice of draft drawn upon the Secretary of State by Mr. W. D. Gordon, late Acting Consul at Pretoria, for \$1185.63, the same being for traveling expenses as per account rendered with despatch No. 189, under date of September 30, 1902.

Abstract of Contents.

Enclosure of voucher for loss by exchange.

file

No. 20.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Jan. 5, , 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that at the request of
of Mr. W. D. Gordon, late Acting Consul at Pretoria, you are
hereby advised that Mr. Gordon drew upon the Secretary of
State on the 30th. of December for ^{\$}1185.63 (Eleven Hundred
and Eighty Five Dollars and 63/100) the same being for travel-
ing expenses as per account rendered with despatch No. 189, un-
der date of September 30th. 1902.

The voucher showing the loss by exchange is enclosed herewith

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


J. H. Peirce
U. S. Consul

Enclosure: Voucher for loss by exchange.

*Recd. Mr. Peirce
Filed with acct & in
Mr. Gordon's in 184
Acce*

No. 21.

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CONSULAR BUREAU



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Jan. 27, 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:
Was Isaac J. Lithauer a burgher of the late South African Republic?

Ans
Mar 12
1903

Abstract of Contents.

Acknowledgement of Despatch No. 187, under date of October 22, 1902.

Statement made that from best information at present obtainable, it appears that Isaac J. Lithauer was a burgher of the late South African Republic, and an affidavit of Mr. Melt Marais, for many years Field Cornet for the District of Pretoria is offered as indicating the fact, which affidavit is endorsed "Enclosure No. 1 with despatch No. 21".

Further statement made that this information will be supplemented by a certified extract from the Field Cornet's books, as soon as access can be had to same.

Intimation made by the U. S. Consul at Lourenço Marquez that Mr. Lithauer would ask the Department of State to make complaint against the British Government because of his exclusion from the Transvaal.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Jan. 27, 1903.

Honorable David J. Hill,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 187, under date of October 22, 1902, re the question as to whether Mr. Isaac J. Lithauer was a burgher of the late South African Republic.

Replying thereto, I have the honor to advise you that I have personally interviewed many of Mr. Lithauer's former acquaintances, and they have told me, without exception that there was no doubt of his burghership in the late South African Republic.

For your information, I enclose herewith an affidavit made by Mr. Melt Marais, for many years Field Cornet of the Pretoria District. I could have secured many other affidavits of the same tenor and effect, but they would have been merely cumulative in their nature, and I did not think it necessary to do so.

The information herein given will be supplemented by a certified extract from the Field Cornet's books as soon as access to same can be had. The said books are no longer in Mr. Marais' possession, and the statement made in his affidavit is made from memory.

It may be well to add that Mr. Hollis, Consul at Lourenço Marquez, intimated to me that Mr. Lithauer would

ask the Department of State to make complaint against the British Government because of his enforced absence from the Transvaal.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

Enclosure No. I; Affidavit of Mr. Melt Marais.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Consul of the United States at Pretoria, Transvaal, Melt marais, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the Transvaal, resident in Pretoria; that he was Field Cornet for the District of Pretoria from July 1885 until June 1900; that as such Field Cornet, he was the custodian of the records containing a list of all of the burghers of the late South African Republic resident in his district; that in addition to his other duties, he was official recorder of all votes cast in all general elections held within his district.

Affiant further states on oath that he was personally acquainted with Isaac J. Lithauer for more than twenty years; that said Lithauer's name appeared on the Field Cornet's book, and that he knows him to have been a burgher of the late South African Republic, in full enjoyment of all burgher rights, and that in all the time of his acquaintance with the said Lithauer, he never knew him to assert a claim of nationality inconsistent with his character as a burgher of said Republic.

Affiant further states on oath that the said Isaac J. Lithauer has repeatedly cast his vote in general elections for candidates for office in the South African Republic.

Meltmarais
Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 23rd day of January, 1903.

Wm. H. Wright
U. S. Consul.

No. 22,

Consular Bureau.
MAR 9 1903

CONSULAR BUREAU



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Jan. 27, 1903. , 190 .

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul.

To the Department of State.

*Auto
Mar 22 '03*

Subject:

The establishment of a Consular Agency at Salisbury .

Abstract of Contents.

Statement made that the writer is now investigating the matter, and will report as soon as investigations are completed.

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2037224 for Cape Town*

No. 22.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Jan. 27, 1903. , 190

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

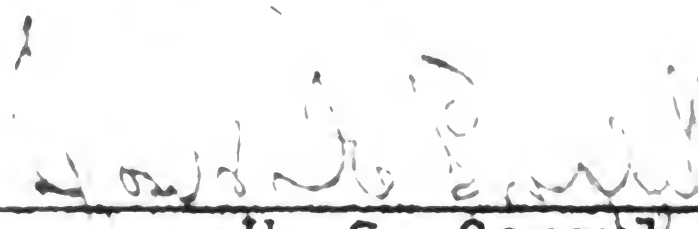
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 5, under date of December 12, 1902, enclosing a communication from Honorable T. M. Patterson re the establishment of a Consular Agency at Salisbury, South Africa, and to advise you that I am now investigating the matter, and will make a full report as soon as said investigations are completed.

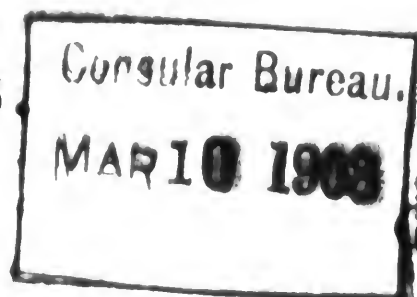
I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

No. 23



CONSULAR BUREAU.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Jan. 31, 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

The Claim of H. F. Dietze for the confiscation of two horses.

*1000
MAR 11 1903
BUREAU*
*1000
March 12
1903*

Abstract of Contents.

Reference made to despatch No. 12, under date of December 1, 1902.

The affidavit of Joseph Dixon Carleton enclosed herewith, marked enclosure No. I, with despatch No. 23.

No. 23.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal Jan. 31, , 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to my Despatch No. 12, under date of December 1, 1902, re the claim of H. F. Dietze for the confiscation of two horses, and to enclose herewith the affidavit of Mr. Joseph Dixon Carleton, which affidavit is marked "Enclosure No. 1, with despatch No. 23", the same having this day been received from Johannesburg.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



U. S. Consul.

Enclosure No. 1:

Affidavit of Joseph Dixon Carleton.

Appeared before me J.P. at Johannesburg

J O S E P H D I X O N C A R L E T O N,



who declared on oath):-

That he knew the two horses which the Military authorities took from H.F. Dietze under the plea that the said horses were Government property.- That he has been driving the said two horses for some few months for H.F. Dietze and that he was about and near them for about eight months and ~~that~~ ^{that he is} quite certain that none ^{of} of the said two horses had a Government-Brand on them.

J D Carleton

Sworn before me J.P. on this the ^{15th} December 1902 at
Johannesburg, Transvaal.

*C. van Brandes.
J.P. Transvaal*

Enclosure No. 1
with
Despatch No. 23.

Alphabetical order of the names of the persons

JOSEPH H. DIXON & CO. LTD.

who are engaged on the:-

That the names of the persons who are engaged on the:-
from H. H. Dixon & Co. Ltd. the names of the persons who are engaged on the:-
various projects. - That the names of the persons who are engaged on the:-
for some time past. - That the names of the persons who are engaged on the:-
that is in
them for about 10 years and from the names of the persons who are engaged on the:-
of the names of the persons who are engaged on the:-

Given before me at this place
London, 10th, November.

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CONSULAR BUREAU.

No. 24.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, February 16, 1903. , 190 .

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul

File

To the Department of State.

Subject:

The whereabouts of Mr. Orville Mattiford, formerly a soldier in the British Army in South Africa.

Abstract of Contents.

Despatch No. 7, under date of January 7, with enclosures, acknowledged, and statement made that enquiries will be made, and a report forwarded.

No. 24.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, February 16, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 7, under date of January 7, with enclosures re the whereabouts of Mr. Orville Mattiford, an American citizen, formerly a soldier in the British Army in South Africa, and to advise you that enquiries will at once be made, and a report forwarded to the Department as soon as returns therefrom are had.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

U. S. Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.



No. 25.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, February 16, 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

For

Subject:

The thanks of the Goss Printing Press Company to the Consular representative at Johannesburg for his services in perfecting and collecting claim versus the British Government for the use of said Company's printing press.

Abstract of Contents.

Despatch No. 8, under date of January 12, with enclosure acknowledged, and statement made that copy of the Goss Printing Press Company's letter of January 8, 1903 has been forwarded to the Consular Agent at Johannesburg as per instructions.

No. 25.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, February 16, 1903.

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Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No.8, under date of January 12, with enclosure from the Goss Printing Press Company expressing the thanks of the Company to the Consular Agent at Johannesburg for having perfected and collected their claim against the British Government for the use of Company's printing press, and to advise you that a copy of the enclosure mentioned has been forwarded to the Consular Agent at Johannesburg as per instructions.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

- U. S. Consul.

No. 76



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, February 19, 1903..

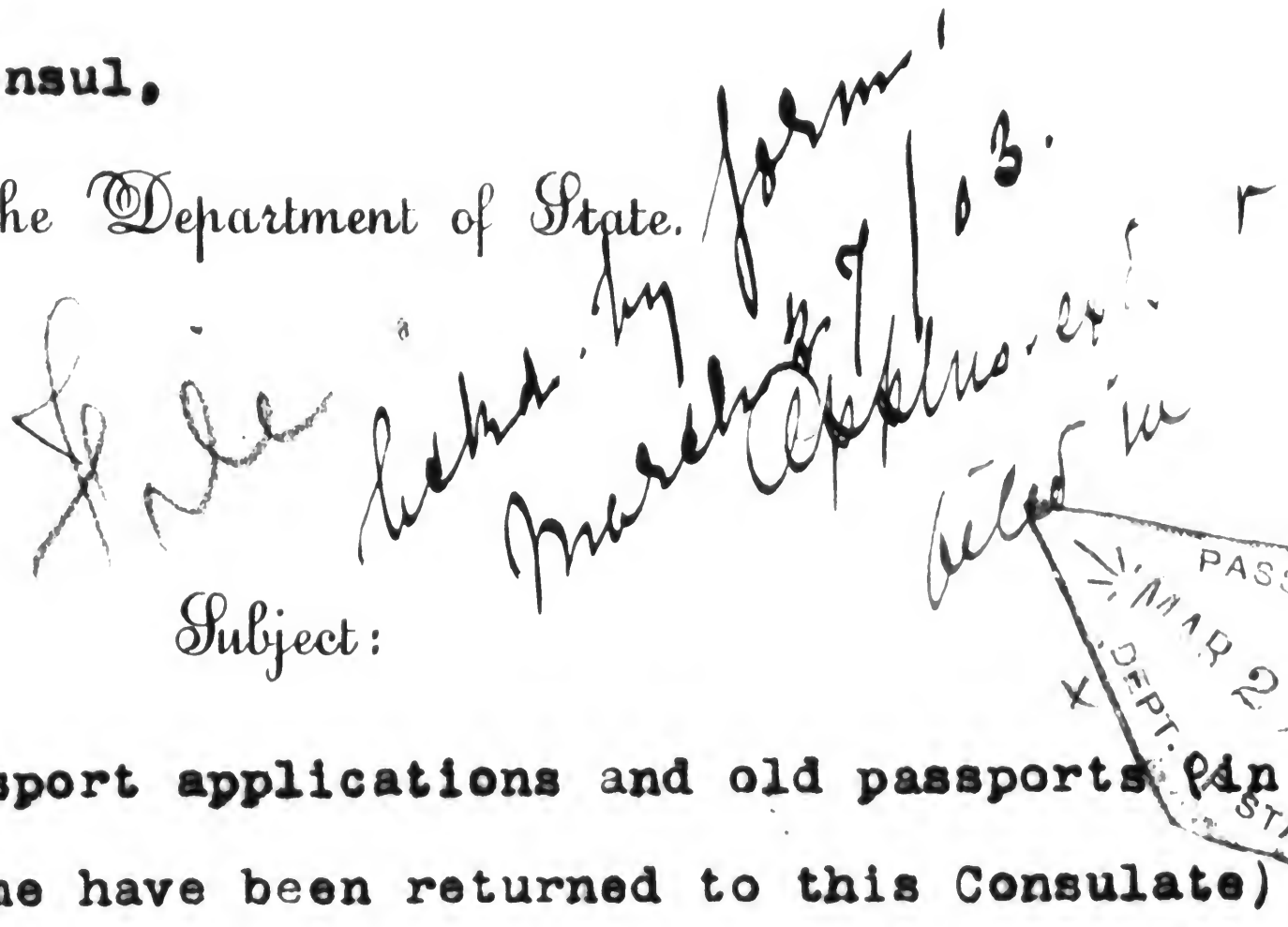
Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Returning original passport applications and old passports (in
all cases where the same have been returned to this Consulate)
for the half year ending December 31, 1902.

Abstract of Contents.



No. 76

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, February 19, 190³.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that I am returning under separate registered cover the original passport applications and old passports (in all cases in which said old passports have accompanied applications) for the half year ending December 31, 1902.

The same are numbered as follows:

Nos. 254 to 266 inclusive, issued by Mr. Gordon, Acting Consul.

Nos. 1 to 36 " " " J. E. Proffit, Consul.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

U. S. Consul.

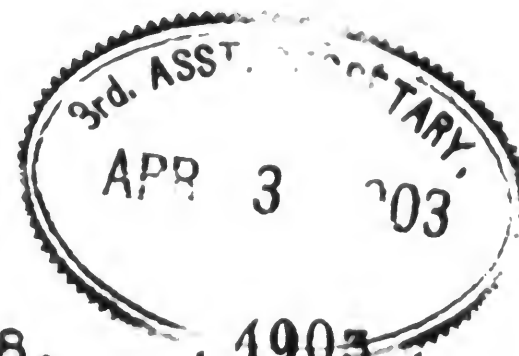
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Form No. 122 - three sheets.

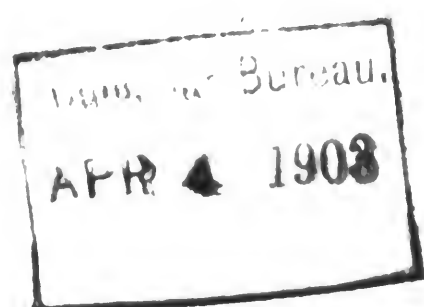
File

No. 27.

Consulate of the United States,



Pretoria, February 28, 1903.



Mr. Proffit, U.S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Whereabouts of Orville Mattiford, an American citizen.

Abstract of Contents.

Statement made that enquiries are now being made, and that report will be made as soon as returns therefrom are received.

No. 27.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Feb. 28, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,
Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

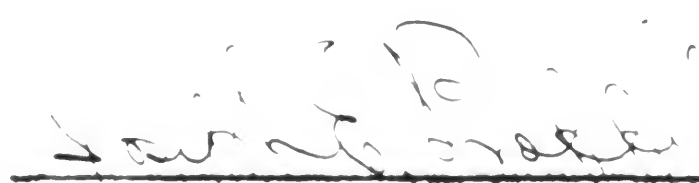
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 7, under date of January 7, re the whereabouts of Orville Mattiford, with enclosures, and in reply to advise you that enquiries are now being made in the matter, and that a report will be made as soon as returns therefrom are received.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



U. S. Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.

No. 28.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 14 , 1903...

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

*Granted to
Auditor
April 20 '03*

Subject:

Leave of absence granted to the Consular Agent at Johannesburg.

Abstract of Contents.

Leave of absence for ten days granted to Mr. W. D. Gordon, U. S. Consular Agent at Johannesburg, and Mr. C. R. Kehler, an American citizen designated to act in his stead. Mr. Kehler's signature enclosed.

No. 28.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 14, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

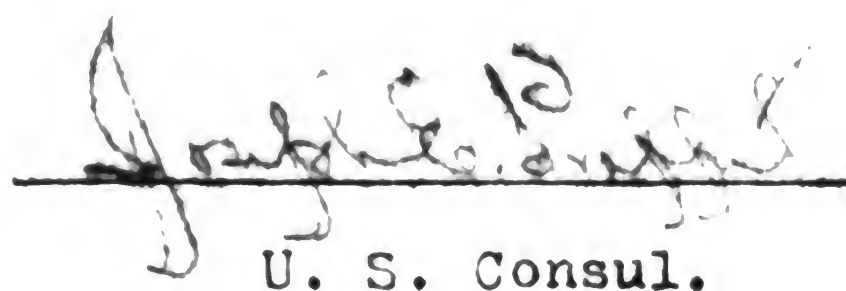
I have the honor to advise you that in order to permit Mr. W. D. Gordon, U. S. Consular Agent at Johannesburg, to meet his wife in Cape Town, I have granted him leave of absence for ten days from the 18th. of this month. Mr. C. R. Kehler, an American citizen, has been designated to act in his stead during his absence.

Mr. Kehler's signature is herewith enclosed, marked "enclosure No. 1 with despatch No. 28".

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

Enclosure:

Signature of Mr. C. R. Kehler.



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Enclosure No. I

with despatch No. 28.

No. 29.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 14 , 1903.

Honorable Herbert H.D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that I am not as yet in receipt of my exequatur as Consul of the United States at this post.

As the delay upon the part of the British Government is, in my opinion, unusual, I am so informing you in accordance with Section 49 of the Consular Regulations of 1896.

It may be well to add for your information that so far as I have been able to ascertain from my colleagues in the consular service at this place there has been no official recognition by the British Government of the consul of any nation accredited to this country.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



U. S. Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.

No. 30.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 16, , 190 3:

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

2. Hon. Secy. Hamilton
April 24 1903.

Subject:

Reference made to my despatch No. 27, under date of February 28, 1903, re whereabouts of Orville Mattiford.

Abstract of Contents.

Reference to despatch No. 27, and enclosure of copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Discharge Depot, S. A. M. I. Forces, Cape Town.

No. 30.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 16, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to my despatch No.27, under date of February 28, re the whereabouts of Trooper Orville Mattiford, late of the 2nd. Imperial Light Horse, I have the honor to hand you herewith a copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Discharge Depot, S. A. M. I. Forces, Cape Town, from which it will be seen:

- (1) that Private Orville Mattiford went home with the Coronation Contingent;
- (2) that he was discharged in London on August 21, 1902.
- (3) that nothing is known of his subsequent movements.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

U. S. Consul.

Enclosure: Copy of letter of Edward Lovegrove, O. C. Discharge Depot, S. A. M. I. Forces, 12th. March, 1903.

O. C. Discharge Depot;

S. A. M. I. Forces,

Cape Town, 12th. March, '03.

The U. S. Consul,

Pretoria,

Sir:

Private O. Mattiford, 2nd. I. L. H. went home with the Coronation Contingent and was discharged in London 21/8/02.

Nothing further is known of his subsequent movements.

This reply has been given previously to the C. S. O. Natal, the C. S. O. Cape Colony, and the Consul General, U. S. A., Cape Town. Doubtless this man's friends have now traced him.

Edward Lovegrove,

Major,

O. C. Discharge Depot,

S. . . M. I. Forces.

CONSULAR BUREAU.



copy
No. 31.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 21, 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

File

Subject:

Increase of salary of the Consul at Pretoria.

Abstract of Contents.

No. 31.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 21, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

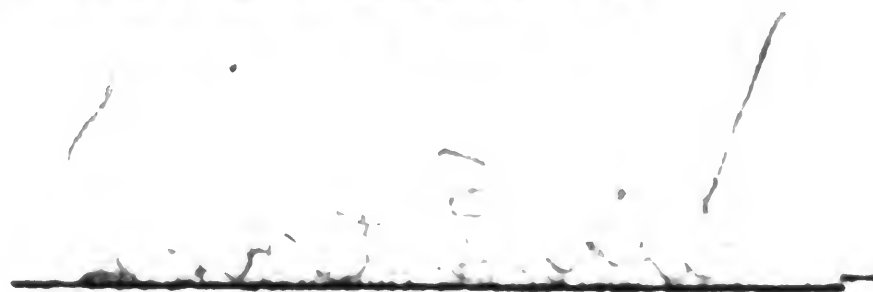
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 10 under date of February 14, 1903, re the increase of the salary of the Consul at Pretoria to three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and to express my appreciation of the same.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

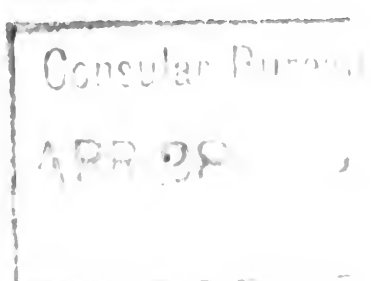
Your obedient servant,



U. S. Consul.

No. 32.

Consulate of the United States,



Pretoria, March 25,

, 1903..

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul.

To the Department of State.

File
Recd.
Apr. 30/03.

Subject:

Request for a copy of the **Report** of the Mixed Commission
on British and American Claims, established under the
XII Article of the Treaty between Great Britain and the
United States, concluded and signed at Washington, May 8th.,
1871. Abstract of Contents.

No. 32.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 25, 1903

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you send me the following volume for the use of this Consulate:

"Report of the Mixed Commission on British and American Claims, established under Article XII of the Treaty between Great Britain and the United States, concluded and signed at Washington, May 8th., 1871."

The said Report will be very useful in the proper conduct of claims for compensation for war losses filed on behalf of American citizens by the undersigned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

U. S. Consul.

File
No. 33.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY,

APR 29 1903

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, March 30, 1903. , 190

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Recd. by
Form
Apr. 30/03.

Consular Bureau
APR 30 1903

Subject:

Permits to enter and reside in the Transvaal, and Orange
River Colony.

PRINTED IN ADVANCE SHEETS NO. 16 46

Abstract of Contents.

Permits to enter and reside in the Transvaal and Orange
River Colony still required under terms of the Peace
Preservation Ordinance.

Severe penalties provided for contravention of said Ordinance.

Suggestion made that publicity be given to facts stated.

Enclosures:

No.1; Form of application for permit.

No.2: Form of affidavit as to applicant's means.

Application for Permit.

To be forwarded to Permit Secretary at intended Port of Disembarkation in
South Africa.

[For Lourenco Margues to H.B.M's. Consul General.]

Application for Permit to proceed to (Town only)

Name of Applicant

If Naturalized British Subject, give date of Naturalization or state Nationality

Present full Address	
	Town

Is residential or temporary permit required, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if temporary state definite period.} \end{array} \right\}$

[illegible]

1. Self

2. Wife

3. Children
(Give number under 16 years).

Total No. of persons

Occupation of Applicant. _____

Former residence of Applicant
(Give full Address.)

Give two well-known References in South Africa (1)

(2) \mathcal{C}_1 is a \mathbb{C}^* -extension of \mathcal{C}_0 if and only if \mathcal{C}_0 is a \mathbb{C}^* -extension of \mathcal{C}_0 .

Has Applicant any guarantee of employment }
on arrival? If so, state by whom }

Can Applicant support himself and family on arrival.

REMARKS:—

Signature _____

Date _____

It will save inconvenience to Passengers if this form reaches South Africa a week in advance.

Enclosure No.1,
with despatch No.33.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

POST FREE.

The Secretary,

Permit Office,

Form of affidavit to accompany application for permit to enter and reside in the Transvaal or Orange River Colony.

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Personally appeared before me, the under-
signed authority, -----, who has made appli-
cation to enter -----, and who being by
me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is possessed
of sufficient means to support himself and family in the---
-----.

Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this ---- day of ---
A. D. 190-

(Official Character)

Enclosure No.2.

With despatch No.33.

No. 34.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, March 31,

, 1903..

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that on the 14th. instant, Mr. H. F. Gill, Acting Consular Agent. at Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, applied for leave of absence for six months from March 18th. to enable him to visit England whither his private business calls him.

As I had no notice of Mr. Gill's intended departure until the 14th. instant, I could not sooner make a request of the Department on his behalf. And as I did not feel justified in granting so long a leave without the Department's consent, I advised him that leave for sixty days was granted, and that the Department would be requested to extend same to six months. (See copy of letter herewith

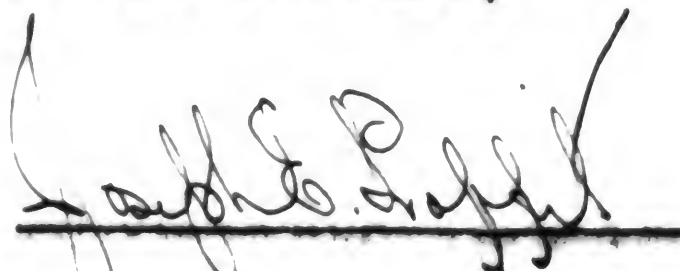
Mr. Arthur E. Fichardt, Mr. Gill's partner has been placed in charge of the Agency, and his signature is herewith enclosed. Mr. Fichardt is thoroughly conversant with the duties of the position and the affairs of the Agency will not suffer during Mr. Gill's absence.

The Department is now asked to extend Mr. Gill's leave to six months from the 18th. day of March, 1903.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

Enclosures: as stated.

COPY.

No. 330.

Pretoria, March 17, 1903.

H. F. Gill, Esq.,

Acting U. S. Consular Agent,

Bloemfontein, O. R. C.,

Sir:

I am in receipt of your No. 69, under date of March 14th. with enclosures.

Re Hirschman: These matters will receive my attention.

Re Leave of Absence: In reference to your leave of absence, I have to say that I regret that you did not give me longer notice of your impending departure for England, as I am permitted to grant leaves of absence only in cases where circumstances forbid a formal application to the Department of State.

I feel justified in granting a leave for sixty days, however, and will ask the Department to extend it to six months, which I do not doubt will be done. Relative to this, I am confirming the transmission of the following telegram to you under date of March 16th:

"Leave granted for sixty days which I will ask Department to extend. Put Fichardt in charge, sending me his duplicate signature"

I have further to advise you that your designation of Mr. Fichardt to act in your stead is perfectly satisfactory to this Consulate.

I am not as yet in receipt of your accounts for the

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Trusting that you may have a pleasant voyage, and with
best wishes for your safe return,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

(Signed)

Joseph E. Proffit.

U. S. Consul.

CONSULAR AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

SPECIMEN OF SIGNATURE.



Arthur Richardt.

CONSULAR BUREAU.

No. 35.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, April 5 , 1903 .

MAY 7 1903

Department of State.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

File

Subject:

Whereabouts of Mr. Boone May.

Abstract of Contents.

Enquiries will be made and Department notified as soon as returns therefrom are received.

No. 35.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, April 5, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

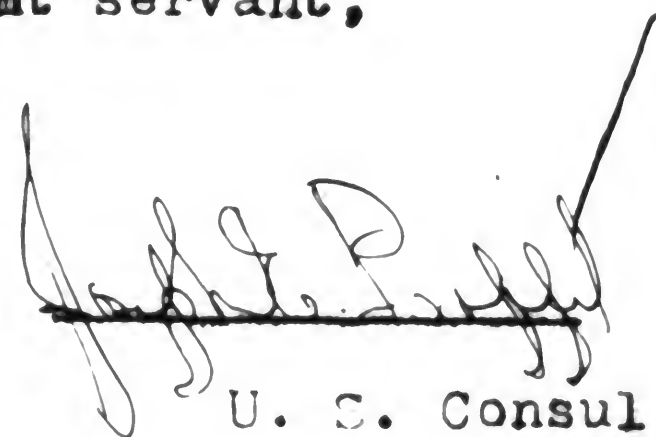
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. II under date of February 26, 1903, re the whereabouts of Mr. Boone May, with enclosures from Honorable B. S. Rodey and Mrs. V. V. Clark, and to advise you that enquiries are now being made, and that as soon as any information is obtained the same will be forwarded to the Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

CHIEF CLERK,

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3d. ASST. SECRETARY.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, April 13, 1903.

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MAY 13 1903

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Department of State

Subject:

Claims for compensation for losses incurred by American citizens during the war between Great Britain and the late South African Republic.

Abstract of Contents.

Enclosure:

Alphabetical list of claimants with the amount claimed by each.

Ack'd by
form

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No. 36.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, April 13 , 1903 .

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith an alphabetical list of the claims for compensation made by American citizens, and perfected and filed through this Consulate, for losses incurred during the war between Great Britain and the late South African Republic. The list does not embrace certain claims filed while the war was in actual progress.

Many of these claimants are now in the United States, and as the Department will no doubt be in receipt of enquiries concerning same, it has occurred to me that you might find the enclosed list of some convenience.

I have further to inform you that I have been unable to ascertain when these claims or any part of same will be paid.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

Enclosure: list of claimants (Three Sheets)

A.

H. S. Adams,	1590 - 0 - 0
T. J. Armstrong,	58 - 0 - 0
Apirion & Fox,	581 - 8 - 2
S. H. Arkin,	707 - 5 - II
✓ Jos. Aranfreed,	2597 - 4 - 3
G. L. Abbott,	90 - 17 - 6
Alper & Elliott,	729 - 16 - 2

B.

Isaac Broude,	4324 - 7 - 0
S. B. Blatt,	1368 - 15 - 9

C.

Frank Cruz,	139 - 13 - 6
Bernard Chaskalson,	181 - 13 - 10
J. B. Carper,	119 - 9 - 0
W. P. Clickner,	118 - 18 - 0
H. A. Cranston,	5272 - 1 - 0

D.

H. F. Dietze,	31 - 0 - 0
John Doney,	89 - 10 - 0

E.

A. C. Ellis,	36 - 0 - 0
-- Elliott (See Alper & Elliott)	

F.

W. S. Fegely,	410 - 0 - 5
-- Fox (See Apirion & Fox)	
Victor Freed,	105 - 10 - 0

G.

C. L. Goodenough,	22 - 15 - 0
H. D. Goodenough,	10 - 7 - 0
H. D. Goodenough, Sec'y,	50 - 9 - 9
Samuel Greenberg,	200 - 0 - 0

H.

W. J. Hammill, 76 -10 - 0

I.

W. A. Irving, 204 - 0 - 0

J.

E. C. Janse, 4579 -13 - 4

L.

La Porte Carriage Co., 309 - 0 - 0

Morris Lewin, 75 - 0 - 0

L. Leezius, 2013 -14 - 6

F. M. Long, 1021 - 0 - 0

Bane Ligom, 423 -15 - 0

G. A. Luria, 22 -10 - 0

Isaac Liondore, 798 -15 - 6

M.

Wm. McCauley, 56 - 4 - 0

W. F. Montgomery, 214 -17 - 0

A. S. Maltz, 40 - 0 - 0

N.

F. C. Naylor, 432 -10 - 0

David Norris, 150 -10 - 0

C. B. Neilson, 103 - 4 - 0

G. B. Neilson, 62 - 5 - 0

C. Nurock, 100 - 0 - 0

P.

Jno: Penberthy, 60 - 0 - 0

Galena H. Phillips, 655 - 0 - 0

R.

Emerick Roberts, 508 - 1 - 0

Mary Richardson, 735 - 0 - 0

J. W. Read, 38 -10 - 0

Jos: Righthouse, 284 - 1 - 4.

S.

P. Salzman,	663 - 3 - 0
Jas: Shapiro,	1191 - 2 - 6
H. C. Sobotker,	221 -13 - 6
A. M. Saba,	1249 -17 - 1
Thos: Sandy,	112 - 8 - 0
Herman Segall,	133 - 5 - 0
H. C. Sparr,	75 - 0 - 0
Jacob Starfield,	96 - 7 -11

T.

Samuel Thornton,	6129 - 1 - 0
Lewis Tumpowsky,	498 -19 - 6
W. F. Walters,	260 - 8 - 6
A. H. Weston,	3148 -10 - 0
F. F. Theeler,	353 - 7 - 9.

N. B. The above figures express pounds, shillings and pence,
which reduced to U. S. money, equal,

\$228,707.11

CHIEF CLERK,

MAY 20 1903

Department of State

CONSULAR BUREAU.

No. 37.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, April 16, 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

*Added
Mar 22 '03*

Subject:

The establishment of a consular agency at Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Abstract of Contents.

After careful investigation by correspondence and through interviews with prominent Americans who are familiar with Salisbury and the surrounding country, the writer is led to believe that it is not advisable to establish a consular agency at the said point.

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203 + 224 from
Cape Town*

No. 37.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, April 16, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring again to your despatch No.5 under date of December 12, 1902, in reference to the establishment of a consular agency at Salisbury, Rhodesia, I have the honor to advise you that owing to the great distance between Pretoria and Salisbury I have been unable to personally investigate the matter, but after interviews with several prominent Americans and after a great deal of correspondence with parties well acquainted with the town and surrounding country, I am led to believe that while there would be no difficulty in obtaining the services of an American citizen as Consular Agent, it would be inadvisable to establish an agency at the point named.

The Department is further advised that the American population in Rhodesia is very small, and that American trade in that district is insignificant. Consular services to American citizens resident in Rhodesia are rendered through this Consulate, and an idea as to what those services amount to may be gained from the fact that since October 1, 1902, the services of the Consul at this place have been requested by only one American from that district.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



U. S. Consul.

No. 38.

CONSULAR BUREAU
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CHIEF CLERK,
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Department of State.

CONSULAR BUREAU.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, April 22, 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

The estate of the late W. E. Mumey.

File

Abstract of Contents.

Despatch NO. 13 acknowledged, and Department advised that report will be made as soon as the necessary information can be obtained.

No. 38.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, April 24 , 1908 .

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 13 under date of March 20th. in reference to the estate of the late William E. Mumey.

The Department is advised that as soon as the necessary information can be obtained a report will be made as per your direction.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

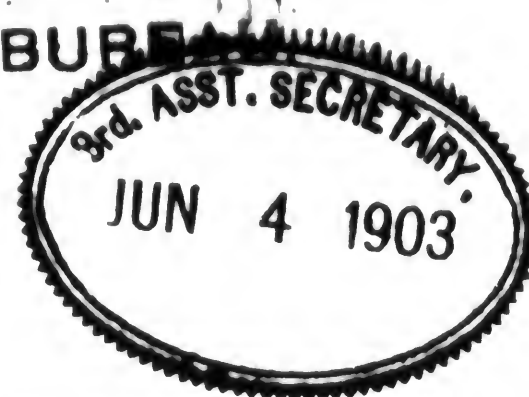

U. S. Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU
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No. 39.

CHIEF CLERK,
JUN 4 1903
Department of State.

CONSULAR BUREAU



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 1, 1903., 190 .

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

File

Subject:

Acknowledgement of receipt of Despatch No. 14 under date of March 26, 1903, relative to an indemnity claimed from the British Government by Mr. Peter Emil Johnson.

Abstract of Contents.

Acknowledgement of Despatch No. 14 - Statement made that investigation will be made and report rendered upon completion of same.

No. 39.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 1, 1903. , 190

Honorable Francis B. Loomis,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

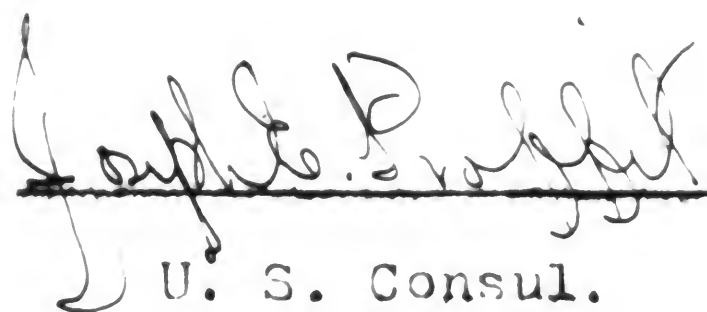
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 14 under date of March 26, 1903 with enclosure from John J. Rooney, Esquire, relative to an indemnity claimed from the British Government by Peter Emil Johnson, Esquire, a citizen of the United States, on account of his arrest in Johannesburg and deportation to St. Helena.

The Department is advised that an investigation will at once be instituted, and a report made upon completion of same.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

No. 40

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 11, 1903. , 190 .

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Claim of Isidore Cash, an American citizen against the
British Government.

Abstract of Contents.

Receipt of Despatch No. 15 under date of April 1st., ac-
knowledgeed, and Department advised that a copy of the
same with enclosures has been transmitted to Mr. Cash
for his information.

No. 40.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 11, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.


Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 15 under date of April 1st., in reference to the claim of Isidore Cash, an American citizen against the British Government, and to advise you that a copy of the same and the enclosures therewith have been transmitted to Mr. Cash for his information.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

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and other Departments.

Victoria, B.C.
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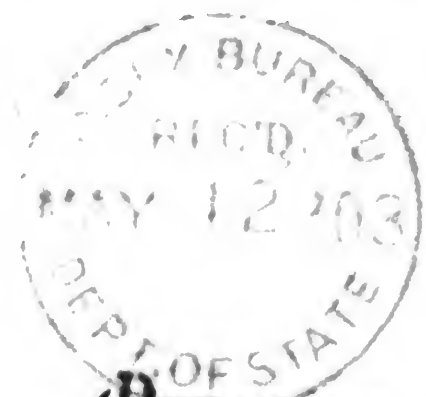
Joseph E. Proffitt,

Ref. to claim of
Sheldon Cook, an
Am. citizen against
the British Government

Wm. H. W. W. W. W.
Wm. H. W. W. W. W.
Wm. H. W. W. W. W.

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TO THE SOLICITOR.
TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

Rel. to Govt of Pa.
May 13. 1903



From Pretoria

May 12, 1903.

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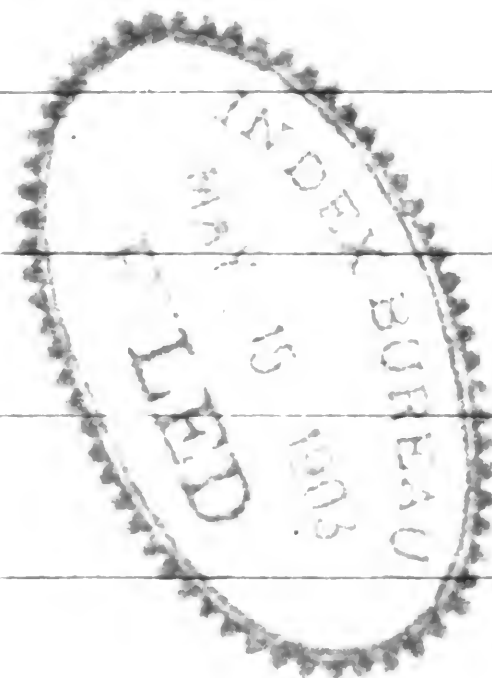
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No. 42.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 13, 1903.¹⁹⁰

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

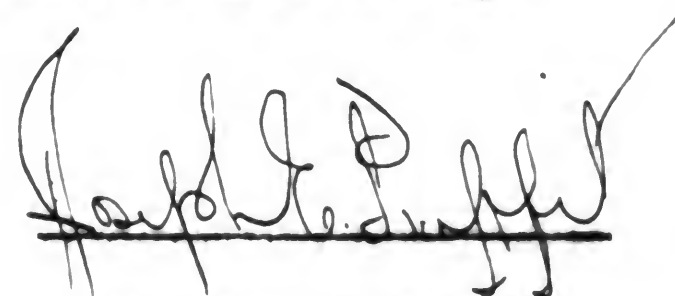
Referring to your despatch No. 161 of June 13, 1902 with reference to the claim of J. W. Balck against the British Government, I have the honor to hand you herewith the correspondence which has recently passed between this Consulate and the British Agent for Foreign Claims relative to the subject.

As Mr. Balck's whereabouts are unknown in Pretoria, the Department is requested to forward the enclosures to him.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

(Copy)

No. 543.

CONSULAR SERVICE U. S. A.

Pretoria, May 13, 1903.

Lieutenant Colonel J. E. Edmonds,
British Agent for Foreign Claims,
Pretoria,

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 11th. 1903 with reference to the claim of W. B. Balck, brick-yard proprietor of Middelburg.

Replying thereto I have to advise you that J. Wilhelm Barthold Balck is known at this Consulate, and that I would have no hesitancy in certifying that he was a bona fide American Citizen on the 11th. of October, 1899 .

This gentleman was engaged in the brickmaking business in the town of Middelburg at the outbreak of the late War, and I do not doubt but that he is the claimant concerning whom you enquire.

Mr. Balck is now in the United States, and I have transmitted a copy of your communication to the Government at Washington at Washington with the request that it be forwarded to him.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed)

U. S. Consul.

(Copy)

Lieutenant - Colonel Edmonds, R. E.,

Post Office Box 422,

Pretoria,

11 May 1903.

Sir,

A claim was made sometime ago by W. B. Balck, brickyard proprietor of Middelburg, who stated he was a U. S. A. Citizen.

Inquiries have been made but he cannot be found.

Can you certify that he was a bona fide U. S. A. Citizen on the 11th. of October 1899, and furnish his present address?

The local authorities state that he was a member of the Boer Town Guard and surrendered with a rifle. He may have an explanation to offer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed)

J. E. Edmonds,

Lieut.-Colonel

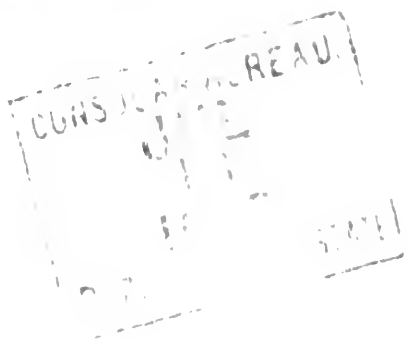
Consul for U. S. A.

Pretoria.

CONSULAR BUREAU.



No. 43.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, June 5,

, 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,



To the Department of State.

Subject:

Estate of the late William E. Mumey.

Copy to
Frank Mumey
July 17
1903

Abstract of Contents.

2 sent to Bureau
Aug 4, 1903-

Reference to despatch No. 13, under date of March 20, 1903.

Enclosures:

No. 1: Letter from Asst. Master Supreme Court to the U. S. Consul at Pretoria, May 2, 1903.

No. 2: Letter Mr. Gordon to U. S. Consul, Pretoria, May 7, 1903.

No 43.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 5, , 1903.

Honorable

Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With further reference to your despatch No. 13 under date of March 20, 1903, relative to the estate of the late William E. Mumey, I have the honor to hand you herewith two communications - one from the Assistant Master of the Supreme Court, and the other from the Consular Agent at Johannesburg, from which it will be seen:

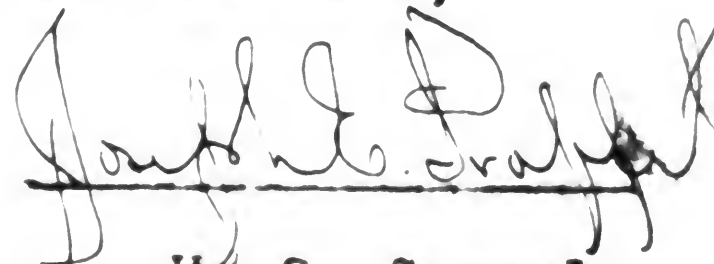
- 1: that Mr. Gordon was granted Letters of Administration as Executor Dative on November 15th. 1902;
- 2: that said Executor Dative has not yet filed his report;
- 3: that, according to the inventory the assets of the estate are 234 : 1 : 8. in cash, a watch and chain, and a trunk containing clothes valued at 11;
- 4: that said Executor Dative has been called upon to lodge an account;
- 1a: that the effects of the estate were stored with an auctioneer who afterwards died, and the matter of selling same was delayed until said auctioneer's estate could be put in order;
- b: that the effects will be sold and a report and distribution made as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Enclosures: as stated.

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

Estate late W. E. Mumey.

(COPY)

E. R.

Office of the Master of the Supreme Court,

No. 19066.

Pretoria, May 2, 1903.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th. ultimo I beg to state that Letters of Administration were granted to William David Gordon of Johannesburg (P. O. Box 1156) as Executor Dative on the 15th. of November 1902.

He has not yet rendered an account of his administration of the estate.

According to the inventory the assets of the estate are 234:1 :8. in cash, a watch and chain and a trunk containing clothes valued at 11.

He has now been called upon to lodge an account.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Master Supreme Court.

The Consul for the United States of America,

Pretoria.

Enclosure No. I

with

Despatch No. 43.

(COPY)

No. 3I42.

Consular Agency of the U. S. A.,

Johannesburg,

May 7, 1903.

J. E. Proffit, Esq.,

U. S. Consul,

Pretoria,

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of May 4, No. 513 re estate of the late W. E. Mumey.

The effects (personal) in this estate were stored with H. Markel, Auctioneer, until I could get authority to sell. In the meantime, Mr. Markel died, and another wait occurred until his estate was put in order. I received a letter from the Executor of this estate soon after my return from Cape Town. We could not get around to the matter until a few days ago. I have an engagement this P. M. with the Executor and will receive the effects which will be sold by public auction as soon as possible.

I will then make my report to the Master of the Supreme Court, and make a distribution as soon as he allows it.

I am very sorry that there has been such a delay, but the conditions existing in this country for the past few years have not been propitious for expediting such business as this.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

William D. Gordon,

U. S. Consular Agent.

Enclosure No.2.

with

Despatch No.43.

CONSULAR BUREAU



No.44.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 5, , 1903 .

Mr.

Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

File

"Papers relating to the Treaty of Washington, Volume 6, Washington Arbitration!"

Abstract of Contents.

Despatch No.18 of April 30th. acknowledged; acknowledgment of the above named volume also made.

No. 44.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 5, 1903.

Honorable Francis B. Loomis,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

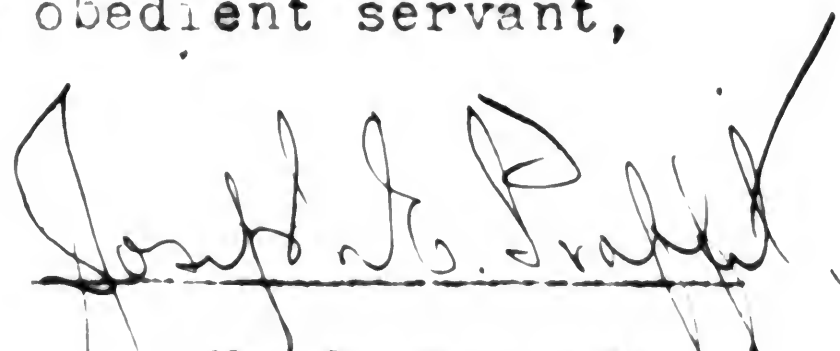
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 18 under date of April 30, in which you inform me that you have caused to be mailed under separate cover "Papers relating to the Treaty of Washington, Volume 6., Washington Arbitration"

You are advised that the said volume was duly received.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

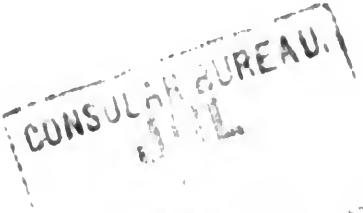
Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.



No. 45



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 13, 1903 .

Mr.

Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

File

Subject:

Estate of the late _____ Randall, who died in Johannesburg,
December 26, 1902.

Abstract of Contents.

Statement made that matter has been referred to the Consular
Agent at Johannesburg, and that report will be made as soon as
that official answers enquiry.

No. 45

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 13, 1903.

Honorable

Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

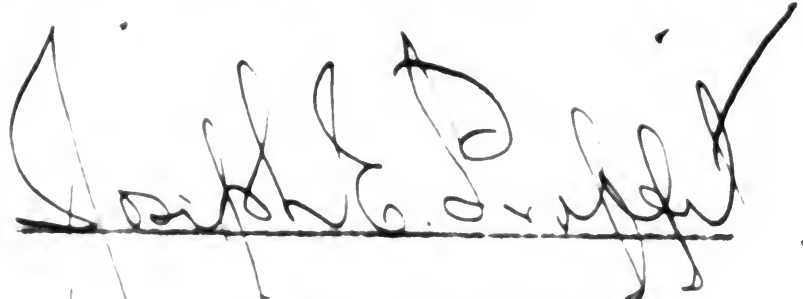
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 20 under date of May 8th 1903 re the estate of the late ---- Randall who died in Johannesburg in December 1901, and to advise you that a report will be made as soon as the necessary information can be obtained from the Consular Agent at Johannesburg.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.



No. 46.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, June 13,

, 1903 .

File

Mr.

Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

The appointment of a permanent Consular Agent at Bloemfontein.

Abstract of Contents.

Statement made that a suitable man for the position will be suggested as soon as possible.

No 46.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, June 13, 1903.

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Honorable

Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

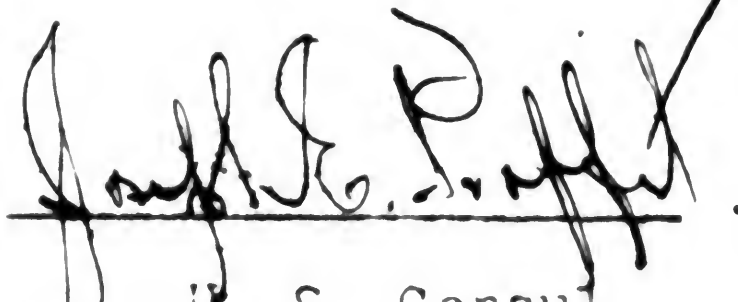
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 19 under date of May 8th. 1903 in which you direct me to nominate a suitable person for the position of Consular Agent at Bloemfontein.

The Department is advised that the matter of naming a permanent Consular Agent at Bloemfontein has been held in abeyance pending the receipt of my exequatur. Your directions in the premises, however, will be complied with as soon as a suitable man can be found for the position.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

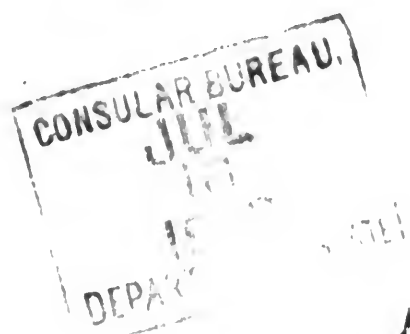
Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

CONSULAR BUREAU.



No. 47.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 13, 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Whereabouts of Mr. Boone May.

Copy to Hon
B S Roder
July 17
1903

Abstract of Contents.

Reference to Despatch No. II, and statement that nothing is known here as to the gentleman in question.

No. 47.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 13, , 1903.

Honorable

Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

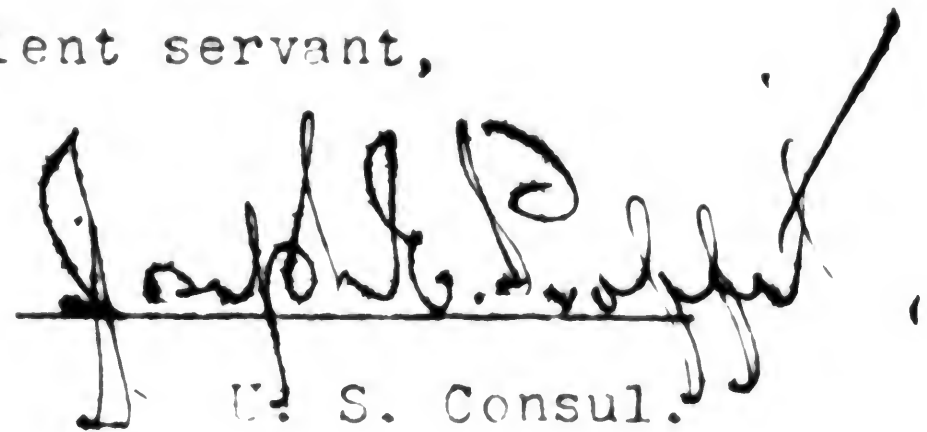
Sir:

Referring to your despatch No. II under date of February 26, 1903, I have the honor to advise you that diligent and careful enquiry has failed to elicit any information relative to the whereabouts of Mr. Boone May.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

No. 48.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, June 26,

, 1903..

File.
JUL 30 1903
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr.

Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Consular Agency at Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Abstract of Contents.

Acknowledgement of receipt of despatch No. 21 under date of May 22, 1903 relative to above subject.

No. 48.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, June 26, 1903.

, 490 .

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:


I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 21 under date of May 22, 1903 relative to the establishment of a Consular Agency at Salisbury in Rhodesia.

The contents of same have been carefully noted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.



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No. 49.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 29, , 1903..

ack July 2/03

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,
To the Department of State.

Subject:

Confirmation of cablegram of May 14, 1903.

Abstract of Contents.

Receipt of cablegram from Department under date of May 14th. confirmed; Money Order to cover cost of same enclosed.

Enclosure: Money Order for Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence.

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No. 49.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 29, , 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to my despatch No.41 under date of May 12th., I have the honor to confirm the receipt of your cablegram of May 14th. as follows:

"
Department of State,

Washington, May 14, 1903.

"American Consul,

Pretoria, (South Africa)

Yes.

Peirce "

The receipt of your unnumbered despatch of May 21st. confirming the transmission of the above is also acknowledged.

As the cablegrams were sent at the request and expense of Messrs. Tindall & Mortimer of this City, I am pleased to hand you herewith a Money Order for Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence to cover cost of the one transmitted by you.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John C. Moffat
U. S. Consul,

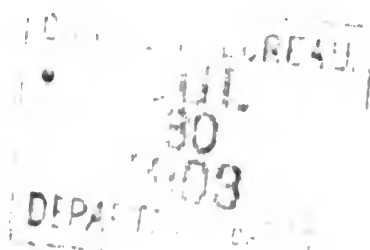
Enclosure: as stated.

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Deposit same*

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in Treasury June 24.
1904 -*

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1904.
T. H.*

No. 50.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 29 , 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Estate of the late J. D. Randall.

Copy to
J. A. Randall
ackd by
from
July 31
1903

Abstract of Contents.

Copy of a letter from the U. S. Consular Agent at Johannesburg
enclosed which is self-explanatory.

No. 50.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, June 28 1903.

Honorable

Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch No. 20 under date of May 8, 1903 relative to the estate of the late James D. Randall, I have the honor to hand you herewith a letter from Mr. Gordon, U. S. Consular Agent at Johannesburg from which it will be seen:

- (1) that Captain - now Major - W. T. Barker was appointed sole Executor of the Estate;
- (2) that he (Mr. Gordon) is advised that a final liquidation has been made;
- (3) that the above information was communicated to Mr. J. A. Randall on November 29, 1902, and on May 11, 1903;
- (4) that the late J. D. Randall was a British Subject, and that the Consular Agent at Johannesburg never had anything to do with the settlement of the Estate.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

U. S. Consul.

Enclosure: as stated.

(COPY)

No.3231.

Consular Service, U. S. A.

Johannesburg, June 22/03.

Jos. E. Proffit,
U. S. Consul,
Pretoria,
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your No.614 re Estate of the late James D. Randall, and beg to say that Captain - now Major - W. T. Barker, a life-long friend of the late Mr. Randall was appointed by the Master of the Supreme Court the sole Executor in the Estate, and I understand that a final liquidation has been made.

The above information was communicated to Mr. J. A. Randall on November 29, 1902, and on May 11, 1903. Mr. J. D. Randall was a British Subject and this Office has had nothing whatever to do with the settlement of the Estate.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

W. D. Gordon,

U. S. Consular Agent.

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No. 51.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, July 18, , 1903.

Honorable John Hay,

~~XXXXXX~~ Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

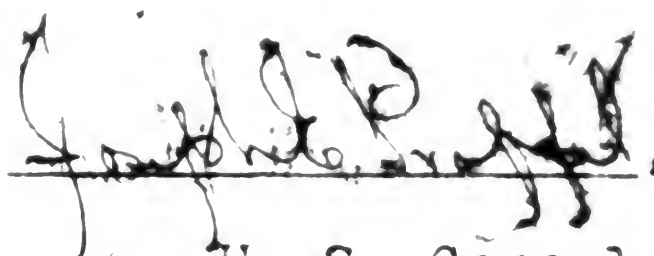
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 22 under date of July 15th. relative to an address and souvenir presented to the late Adelbert S. Hay by the citizens of Dunedin, New Zealand, and to advise you that the contents of same have been carefully noted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

No. 52.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal July 27,

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Mr. Preffit, U. S. Consul.

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Re My Sept 5, 1907

Report of death of Joseph Jefferson McDowell, an American
Citizen.

Abstract of Contents.

Enclosure: the above report.

No. 52.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, July 27, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

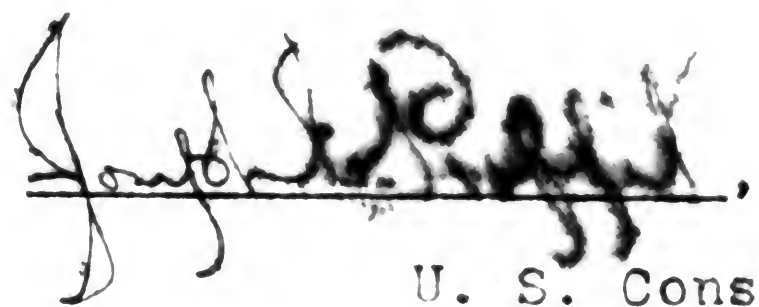
Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the report of death of Joseph Jefferson McDowell, an American Citizen.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph St. Regis", written over a horizontal line.

U. S. Consul.

Enclosure: as stated on page one.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Name: *Johannesburg July 25 1903.*
Joseph Jefferson Mc Dowell
Native or naturalized: *Native*
Date of death: ~~*Cyanoide Poisoning*~~ *July 5th or 6th 1903*
Place of death: *Johannesburg*
Cause of death: *Cyanoide Poisoning*
Disposition of remains: *Buried Johannesburg Ametary*
Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:
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Disposition of effects: *In possession of wife*

Address of family: *Wife Johannesburg, Mother Richmond Ky.*
Family notified: *Yes*
Accompanied by relatives: *Yes*

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record
Book, pages

Remarks:

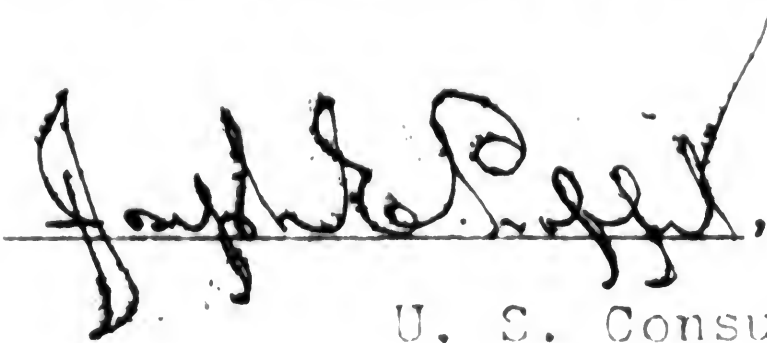
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Wm D. Gordon
Consul Agent of the United States.

(Over)

Pretoria, July 27, 1903.

I hereby certify that the within notice has this day been
recorded in the Pretoria Consulate in Miscellaneous Record
Book at page 45.



U. S. Consul.

(FORM No. 192.)

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Pretoria, Transvaal.

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

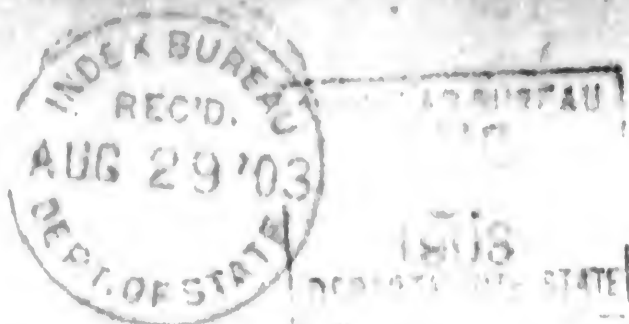
(Joseph Jefferson McDowell)

Enclosure No. I in despatch

No. 52.

July 27, 1903.

No. 53.



Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, July 27,

, 1903

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ack Sept 5, 1903

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Report of death of Thomas Cromwell James, an American Citizen.

Abstract of Contents.

Enclosure: the above report.



No. 53.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, July 27, , 1903.

Honorable

Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

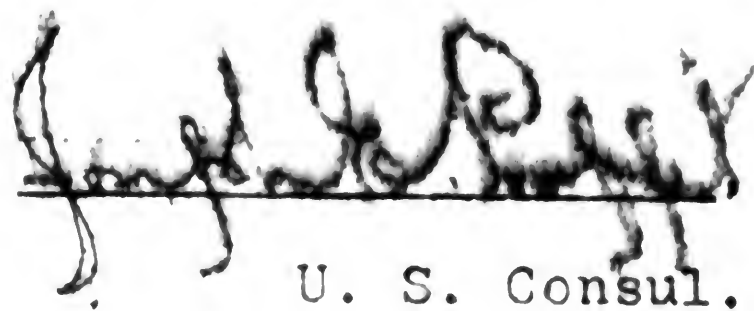
Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith the report of death
of Thomas Cromwell James, an American Citizen.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. H. Peirce", written over a horizontal line.

U. S. Consul.

Enclosure: as stated on page one.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

Consular Service, U. S. A.,

Name:

Johannesburg July 25th 1903.
Thomas Cromwell James

Native or naturalized:

Native

Date of death:

July 24th 1903

Place of death:

Johannesburg

Cause of death:

Pneumonia

Disposition of remains:

Buried Johannesburg Cemetery

Local law as to disinterring remains in case it is desired to bring them home:

Disposition of effects:

Taken by father

Address of family:

Johannesburg

Family notified:

Yes

Accompanied by relatives:

Yes

This information, inventory, accounts, etc., recorded in Miscellaneous Record

Book, pages

Remarks:

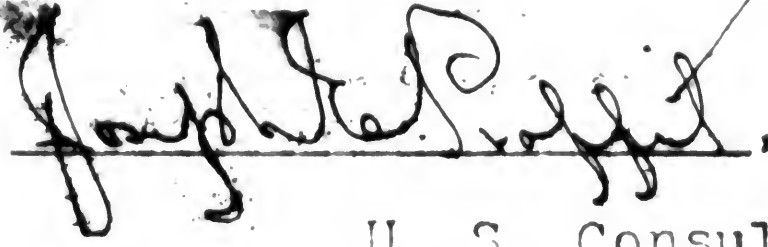
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Wm. D. Gordon
Consul Genl. of the United States.

(Dux)

Pretoria, July 27, 1903.

I hereby certify that the within report has this day been
recorded in the Pretoria Consulate in Miscellaneous Record
Book at page 46.



U. S. Consul.

(Form No. 192.)

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.,

AT

Pretoria, Transvaal,

Report of the Death of an American Citizen.

(Thomas Cromwell James)

Enclosure No. I in despatch

dated No. 53

July 27, 1903.

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No. 54.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, August 3

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

The nomination of a permanent Consular Agent at Bloemfontein

Abstract of Contents.

Reference to despatch No. 46 of June 13; Mr. A. E. Fichardt nominated as Consular Agent at Bloemfontein.

Enclosure:

Application of Mr. A. E. Fichardt.

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Ans Sept 4/03

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No. 54.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, August 3, 1903.

Honorable

Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

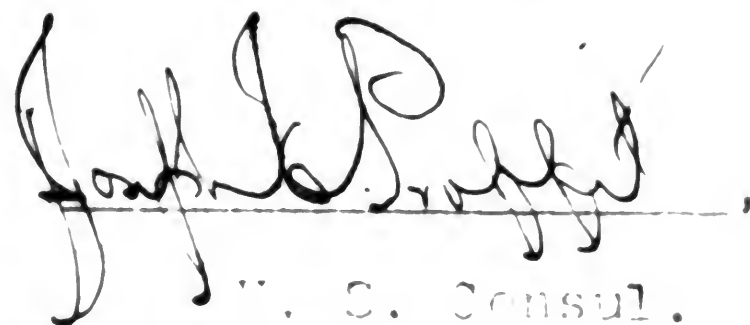
Referring to this Consulate's despatch No. 46 of June 13, 1903, relative to the appointment of a permanent Consular Agent at Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, I have the honor to nominate Mr. Arthur E. Fichardt for said position, and his application for same is herewith enclosed.

Mr. Fichardt is at present Acting Consular Agent at Bloemfontein, and his business and social standing in the colony is of the best. I recommend him as the most suitable person available for the position.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


J. H. P. Ruggie,
U. S. Consul.

Enclosure: 1 to Mr. Peirce, 1 to Mr. Ruggie.

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No. 55.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, August 17, 1903.

File
Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Acknowledging receipt of despatch No. 23 of July 10 in which reference is made to despatch No. 22 of June 15, 1903.

Abstract of Contents.

No. 55.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, August 17, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Pearce,
Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

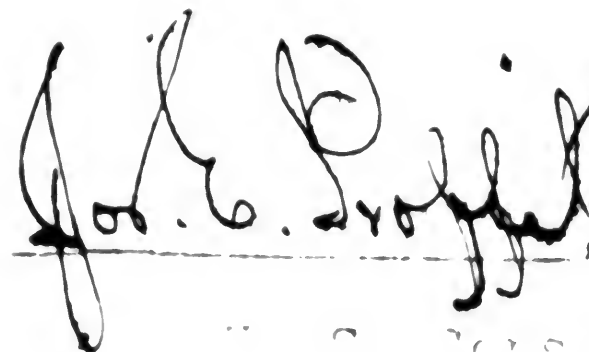
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 63 of July 15th., to which you make reference to your despatch No. 22 of June 13, last, relative to certain articles sent to the late Adelbert C. May by the citizens of Dunedin.

The contents of same have been carefully noted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Very obedient servant,


J. C. Duggan,

U. S. Consul.

No. 56.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, August 19, , 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

*Answered
Sept 25, 1903*

Subject:

Application of Jeong Shin, a son of Chinese parents, for a passport.

Abstract of Contents.

Statement of facts pertinent to application. The issuance of passport held in abeyance pending advice from the Department.

Enclosure:

Application of Jeong Shin for a passport, dated July 15, 1903.

No. 56.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, August 19, 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,
Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that on the 15th., of July, last, one Jeong Shin, a son of Chinese parents, filed his application at the Johannesburg Agency for a passport. The facts in the case are briefly as follows:

Applicant's parents at time of his birth were subjects of China; they never became naturalized as American citizens; if living, they are still subjects of China; Applicant presented as proof of his birth in America, an affidavit executed by his Uncle, Jeong Tie Men, before H. L. Trisco, Notary Public of San Francisco County, California, which affidavit (offered in lieu of a certificate from the Registrar of Births) bore date of January 23, 1900 - more than twenty seven years after Applicant's alleged birth. For a more particular statement reference is hereby made to the application enclosed herewith.

The matter of issuing the passport has been held in abeyance, pending advice from the Department, as I am uncertain as to whether Applicant would be considered an American citizen. Shall I follow the ruling of the court in the case of Tin Sing, reported in 10 Sawyer, page 343, referred to in Wharton's International Law Digest, Vol. II, Sect. 173? And if so, shall I consider the affidavit of Jeong Tie Men (referred to above) as sufficient proof of Applicant's birth in the United States?

Requesting a return of the enclosure,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Joseph E. Pugh.

Mr. Shaud:

I must see. by subject
and substance and say: -

The question of whether
or not a person of the Chinese
race born in the United States
of Chinese parents is a citizen
of the United States was defi-
nitely determined in the affir-
mation by the Supreme Court
of the United States ^{by its decision} in the case
of Wong Kim Ark at the
October, 1897, term of the Court.

The point to be determined,
^{in this case}
 therefore, is simply whether Jeong
 Shin's statements are true, and
 of this you must be the judge.

Applications for passports made
 to this Department by persons
 of the Chinese race are required
 to be supported by testimony
 of at least two credible wit-
 nesses, preferably not Chinese,
 having personal knowledge of
 the facts, ^{and it} It is not thought
 that our agents abroad should

be satisfied with less proof than the Department demands.

It may be added that a passport being intended for use abroad is not accepted at a port of entry of the United States as proof ~~that~~ of the citizenship of the person it describes. This fact is communicated by the Dept. to every person of the Chinese race who receives a passport.

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And may ~~very~~ appro-
priately be conveyed by
you to Jeong Shun.



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From

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Mr. Harkness
Sept 16, 1903

Wash, D.C.

Best Endeavors Goodman

Gordon

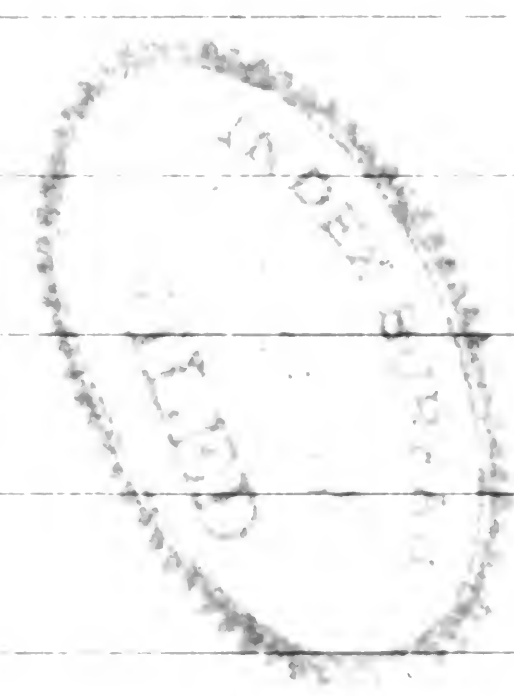
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CHIEF CLERK,

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Department of State.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, October 15, 1903.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

The transmission of a copy of despatch No. 40, the original not having been received at the Department of State.

Abstract of Contents.

Enclosure:

Copy of despatch No. 40 of May 11, 1903.

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No. 57.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, October 15, , 1903.

Honorable Francis B. Loomis,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

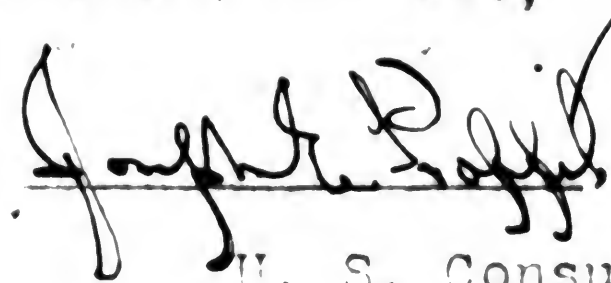
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 40 under date of July 31, 1903, in which you state that my despatch No. 40 has not been received at the State Department.

I now have the honor to enclose a copy of same as requested.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



U. S. Consul.

Enclosure: as stated on page one.

No. 40.

(COPY)

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, May II , 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Peirce,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 15 under date of April 1st., in reference to the claim of Isidore Cash, an American citizen, against the British Government, and to advise you that a copy of the same and the enclosures therewith have been transmitted to Mr. Cash for his information.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

Joseph E. Proffit,

U. S. Consul.

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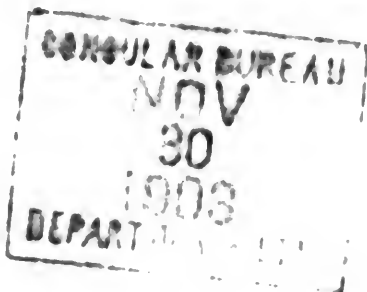
Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, October 26, 1903.

CHIEF CLERK,

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Department of State.



ASST. SECRETARY.
NOV 25 1903

Mr.

Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.



*Adm. H. J. Meyer with
card sent Dec. 2/03*

Subject:

The nomination of a Vice-Consul for Pretoria.

Abstract of Contents.

Mr. H. J. Meyer of Pretoria, an American Citizen nominated for
Vice-Consul at Pretoria.

Enclosure:

Mr. Meyer's formal application for said position. (Form No. 205)

*To Bureau Britain
July 20
J. H. G.*

No. 58.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Oct. 26, 1903

Honorable

Francis B. Loomis,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate for the position of United States Vice-Consul at Pretoria, Mr. H. J. Meyer, an American Citizen now resident in this City. His formal application is enclosed herewith.

Mr. Meyer is the most prominent American Citizen residing in Pretoria, and is in every way qualified for the position sought.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


U. S. Consul.

Enclosure: as stated on page one.

No. 59.

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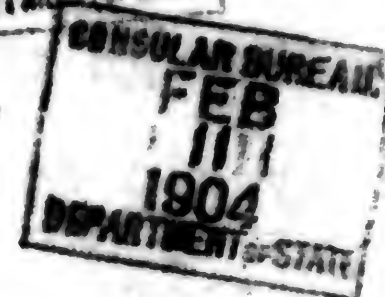
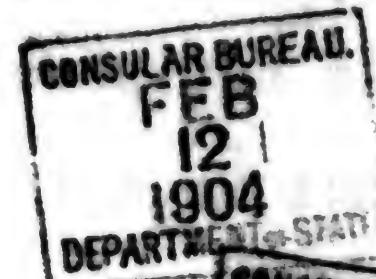
Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Dec. 28, 1903.

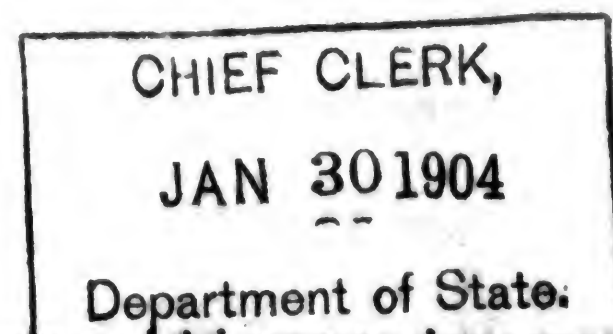
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Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.



Subject:



Alleged ill-treatment of certain colored American citizens in
Johannesburg.

Lo E E Cooper
Nov 10 1904
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Abstract of Contents.

The Consular Agent at Johannesburg absolved from blame in the premises, he being within his rights to refuse to receive applications for passports, under the circumstances in the instances given in the letter of Harry Dean under date of August 28.

Wm. F. Lippard

Mr. Gordon furthermore denies the allegation contained in Mr. Dean's letter to the effect that he (Mr. Gordon) told him that his 'passport was not proof sufficient to prove his citizenship! He also denies that he acted towards Dean, Martin or any other American citizen 'as though they were heathens! or that he advanced the advice that 'they had no business in this country! He may have stated, he says, that there was a great prejudice against the black man in this country and that the American colored man would not be able to obtain the same treatment in this country as at home.

Under the Boer regime, colored people were not permitted to walk upon the side-walks, for instance, and many other privileges accorded to white men were denied them. Although many of these regulations have become relaxed since the British occupation, the old prejudice still exists, and physical conflicts engendered by this old prejudice are not unusual. It is possible that certain American colored men have been made the victims of this prejudice, yet I am quite certain that the Consular officers in this country have not brooked nor will they permit indignities to our citizens without protest to the proper authorities.

I know Mr. Dean personally, and I believe him to be a good citizen and a hard worker for his people. I do not believe that he would willingly do Mr. Gordon an injustice. I am rather disposed to think that he, smarting under certain discourtesies which men of his race may have met in this country, failed to recognize Mr. Gordon's duty to exercise the functions of his office with care and discretion, and to withhold the passport in question until the applicant had given proof, under the law of his right to receive it.

The Department is further informed that on October 9, passport No. 74 was issued to the said David Martin, he having called at this Consulate and given satisfactory proof of his citizenship.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant

Jayne F. F. F.
J. F. F. Consul.

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Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Dec. 28, 1903. , 490

Honorable F. B. Loomis,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch No. 31 under date of October 1, relative to the alleged ill-treatment accorded certain colored American citizens in Johannesburg, I have the honor to inform you as follows:

Sometime in the latter part of August or the beginning of September, Mr. Dean came to this Consulate and made substantially the same complaint as is embodied in his letter of August 23rd., a copy of which was enclosed with your last tele. He laid particular stress upon the fact that the Consul General at Cape Town and the Consular Agent at Johannesburg seemed indisposed to render the proper protection to Americans of his own race in South Africa. For obvious reasons I interested myself only in the alleged inattention given to the matters complained of by our Agent at Johannesburg. And to the end that the matter might be fully gone into I requested Dean to meet me on a certain day in the Johannesburg Agency, bringing David Martin with him. This Dean promised to do, and although I was in the Agency practically all of the day specified, neither Dean nor Martin appeared. Our Agent at Johannesburg informed me that he had refused to receive Martin's application for a passport because he had no papers to evidence his citizenship, nor could he furnish satisfactory proof of his birth and residence in America. It is perhaps well to state in this connection that several attempts to secure passports had been made at the Johannesburg Agency by colored men afterwards shown to be natives of the West Indies, and for this reason Mr. Gordon may have been indisposed to accept applications except upon the best of proof.

Mr. Gordon

CONSULAR BUREAU.

No. 60.

CONSULAR BUREAU.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, December 16, 1903.

3rd ASST. SECRETARY
JAN 19 1904

CHIEF CLERK,
JAN 19 1904
Department of State.

Mr. Proffit, U. S. Consul,

To the Department of State.

Subject:

Informing the Department that a watch, the property of the late Mark Currie has been forwarded under separate registered cover.

Copy with
watch to
Mrs E C Currie

Ans
Jan 20
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Abstract of Contents.

Request that said watch be delivered by Department to widow of deceased at Superior, Wisconsin.

No 60.

Consulate of the United States,

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 16 , 1903.

Honorable Herbert H. D. Foose,

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day forwarded to your address under registered cover a watch, the property of the late Mark Currie, who recently died in this Colony.

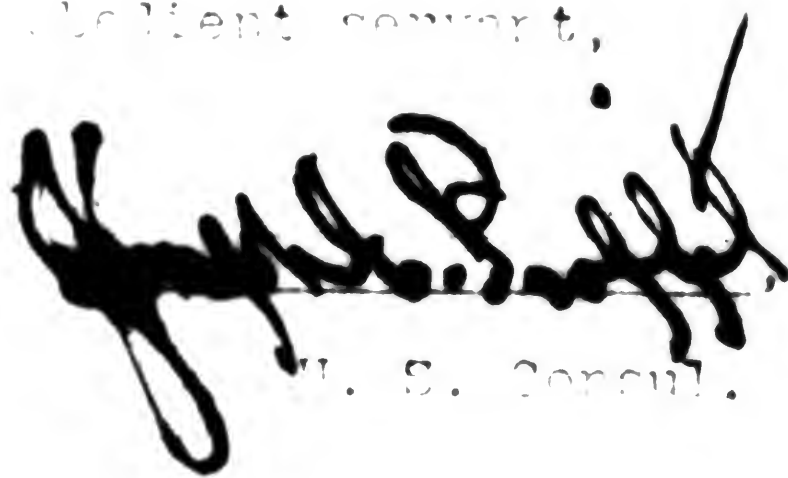
The Department is requested to deliver the watch to Mrs. E. C. Currie (Widow of deceased) whose address is believed to be: East End, Superior, Wisconsin.

It has not as yet been ascertained as to whether deceased was an American citizen, and for that reason no report of his death has been made to the Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Very obedient servant,



J. B. Smith

U. S. Consul.